

**Minutes for the Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting**  
**January 7, 2010 7:30 – 9:30 pm**  
**Cedar Lane Library**

**Present:** Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Sandy Shaw, Mike Burski, Nancy Janssen, Kay Gottesman, Becky White, Helen Strang, Kay Scott, Ann Suydam, Val Carter, Anne Thompson, Pat Karlsen, Connie Nissley, Roger DeLucia

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting:** Becky chose and read the opening words and Sandy lit the chalice.

**Covenant Reading:** Lines from the SJC Covenant were read by passing it around the room.

**General SJC Business**

**Social Justice Fair and Commitment to Justice Campaign - final planning for 01/10/10**

1. A flyer with the list of groups on one side and a form for individuals to track their commitments will be inserted into the Order of Service on Sunday. The members discussed the content and several revisions were recommended. The forms will be collected on Sunday and subsequent Sundays until the wrap-up service in March.
2. The display showing volunteer commitments to the different groups and the “signing wall” were also discussed.

**50/50 update:** The International Concerns Committee is scheduled for the next collection, but they have not yet designated the group to receive the funds.

**Finance update:** Connie reported that the charges for copying were very high and we were over budget for this time of the year. The SJC Fair probably contributed to most of the copying, and if necessary we can take funds from the line item for “SJC led events”. The 2 Storex file boxes were purchased by SJC for the lounge lizard materials.

**Requests for SJC Support**

**Heather’s adult program class:** Several members expressed interest in the new book and DVD issued by the UUA, “A People So Bold”, but we need more information.

**Refreshments for January 16<sup>th</sup> concert to benefit Children’s Hospital:** Helen is coordinating this activity and will send an email to the members to find out what they plan to contribute.

**Rebuilding Together Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Mike Burski reported on the 3 options available for Cedar Lane participation this year.

1. Sponsor a house – cost is \$2,500.
2. Co-sponsor a house with another congregation – cost is \$1,000.
3. Work on a house sponsored by the person with whom Mike works in New Orleans – no cost.

There will be a 50/50 collection for Rebuilding Together in the Spring, but not in time to collect money for a house this year. Mike will continue working on this issue.

**Disney support for Service:** Mike Burski sent an email about Disney offering a free day at Disney for a day of service. Some of the volunteer work highlighted in our Social Justice Fair includes organizations listed on Disney’s website. Mike will continue looking into this.

**Stainless steel coffee mugs:** To reduce the burden of a few members being responsible for washing the coffee cups from the lounge, Mike Burski requested the SJC look into stainless steel coffee mugs that people would bring from home. Ann Suydam will contact the Environmental Task Force about this issue.

**Closing:** The members observed a moment of silence.

## **Announcements**

**CLARITY** (Cedar Laners Against Racism and Inspired by Togetherness-YES!)

Kick-off Event “**Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible**” **Sunday, January 17 noon.**  
Join CLARITY for this kick-off event. Lunch, viewing of a thought provoking video, followed by a discussion of our experiences with race and privilege.

## **LGBT Task Force**

Lobby Day Bus is **Monday, February 8.** The bus will leave CL at 4:00 pm, head to Annapolis for the Rally, followed by legislative meetings and return to CL about 9:00.