

## **Minutes of Social Justice Council Meeting, May 6, 2010**

Present: Kay Scott, Helen Strang, Becky White, Sandy Shaw, Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Marge Dimond, Anne Thompson, Kay Gottesman, Connie Nissley, Al Carr, Nancy Janssen, Pat Karlsen and guest Kathleen Reedy (Cedar Lane's UUSC representative).

Following a moment of silence and reading of the covenant, Kathleen presented on the services of the UU Service Committee ([UUSC.org](http://UUSC.org)), established in 1940. Recent activities are in Uganda, Tanzania, Haiti, India plus projects in the U.S. The UUSC is separate from the UUA. Former director Charlie Clements is now temporarily replaced by Bill Schultz. A "Justice Sunday" in April is also encouraged. Kathleen plans a monthly presence at the Lizard Table, and periodic items in the Newsletter. Cedar Lane gets the James Luther Adams award yearly reflecting our high financial support. The SJC pledges its support of the UUSC and will assist her in identifying Cedar Laners to partner with her.

### **Requests for support:**

Marge presented Rockville Youth Alliance which has a challenge grant from the UUA. Becky moved, Kay G. seconded, that the SJC budget \$250 annually. Motion passed unanimously. The RYA will be on our list for a 50/50 plate donation. (The Yamamoto Fund can only be used to benefit CLUUC.) Pat recommended funds available from UUSJ.

Maurer Scholarship: Debbie Trent has emailed information stating she thinks we need to rethink the whole project. The interviews were April 29, 2010 and having missed these, we can discuss the scholarship status for next year. If money is left from the Maurer Fund, we could contribute that to a similar type of project. Becky will contact Kent Mason (who wishes to speak with the SJC) on the status of the program. Kent doesn't share Debbie's negative feelings re this program. \$2,477 currently remains in the SJ Gift Fund, which can be used towards scholarship funds.

Hiroshima Drawings project: drawings sent in 1947 to All Souls Church in appreciation of support given to the children of Hiroshima - are now available to CLUUC for display. Gail Terry, contact for this project, will be contacted by Marge for further info.

### **General SJC Business**

- Officers for next year –
  - Chair: Kay Gottesman volunteered to be co-chair. Sandy and Betsy will contact Mike Burski about being the other co-chair.
  - Secretary: Becky White
  - Treasurer: Connie Nissley
- 50/50 – Sandy reported on the last two collections: \$681 for Kakenya's Dream in April and \$210 for Beyond Borders from the Spring B Coffee House.
- Finance report – Connie provided the current report. Although there appears to be money left, it is possible some has already been spent. The members voted to contribute \$100 toward wind & cheese for the Jeff Kaye event on May 6.
- Summer Lizards – The members agreed that we should have a presence in the lounge May through July at 11:00 after the single 10:00 service. People should sign up with Ann Suydam via email. One person is sufficient, a second person would be nice for company, and it's OK if we miss a week.
- June meeting– Our last business meeting of the fiscal year will be Thursday June 3. Since Kay will be away, Nancy has offered to take notes.
- July party – We decided to go out for dinner this year on Thursday July 1. The Afghan restaurant Faryab in Bethesda was unanimously approved.
- Other issues – Questions/concerns were raised about our lack of financial support for Open Door and Beacon House. Nancy will contact the Reverend at Beacon House about their Cedar Lane supporters who might serve as representative to the SJC.  
Pat reminded the members about the final UUSJ meeting on Saturday May 22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Janssen (for Kay Gottesman, Secretary)  
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