

**Minutes for the Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting**  
**November 5, 2009 7:30 – 9:30 pm**  
**Cedar Lane Library**

**Present:** Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Sandy Shaw, Connie Nissley, Mike Burski, Nancy Janssen, Kay Gottesman, Becky White, Helen Strang, Kay Scott, Ann Suydam, Val Carter, Heather Janules. Anne Thomson, Marge Dimond, Pat Karlsen, Nancy Kellogg

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting:** Heather read the opening words and Marge lit the chalice.

**Speaker from Housing Unlimited, Inc.:** Jamie Freeney, Associate Director of Housing Unlimited Inc. presented an overview of this organization that provides housing for adults with psychiatric problems and is a candidate for our 50/50 collection program. They buy properties that can accommodate 3-5 people and sign individual leases with the tenants.

**General SJC Business:**

**One-on-Ones:** SJC members were encouraged to continue doing one-on-ones with each other in preparation for seeking out members of the general church community.

**Lounge Lizards and Commitment to Justice Campaign:** Betsy had sent around a summary of responsibilities for after first and second services, which was read to remind us of the role of the lizards in communicating social justice activities to the congregation.

**Social Justice Fair:** Betsy distributed a flyer about the Social Justice Fair to be held on Sunday January 10, 2010 that encourages people to sign up for a table. The wrap-up will be at the Intergenerational service on March 21, 2010. The flyer will be available at the SJC table in the lounge.

**50-50:** Since the International Concerns Committee was unable to attend our meeting this month, they will make their presentation at the December meeting.

**Finances:** Connie reviewed the current status of our finances.

- The postage charged to SJC last month was an error, so only \$82.90 (for copying) of the \$131.99 reported for October is now charged to SJC.
- The total of \$600 paid to Archene Turner for “Standing on the Side of Love” T-shirts was taken from the Yamamoto Fund. To date she has reimbursed the fund \$300 from the sale of the shirts. The balance of \$150 is still outstanding.

**Staffing update:** A motion was made and passed for Kay Scott to be our representative to the UUSJ Board. She will attend the upcoming meetings on Sunday March 14 and Saturday May 22.

**Sabeel Exhibit:** A motion was made and passed to approve the photo exhibit currently displayed in the church gallery. A related film will be shown on Friday November 13 at 7:30 pm.

**Closing:** Betsy led us in a few minutes of silence.

**Announcements:** The following announcements were brought to everyone's attention.

1. **Drivers for Thanksgiving Food Drive-Sunday, Nov 22** after each service. A signup sheet will be on the SJC table in the lounge for people to join Archene and the youth group to drive Cedar Lane's contribution to All Souls and help package it for distribution.
2. **Montgomery County Executive's Faith Community Advisory Group's program:** *Faithfulness Together Women and Children in Mont Cty.* **Sunday, Nov 22, 2:30 pm.** Helen Strang welcomes people to join her in attending this event.
3. **UUSJ and ADORE Joint Program: *Inequality, White Privilege, and Social Control in the US: a historical perspective***, David Slavin--**Saturday, November 21, 8:30 - 1pm** UU Church of Rockville. There will be follow-on workshops with the speaker and regional social justice award winners
4. **CEDAR LANE WORK TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, JAN 30-FEB 5** – Learn more on Sunday, Nov 22 at 12:30 in the Chapel. Come join Cedar Laners, led by Mike Burski, and Rebuilding Together – Montgomery County in a work trip in New Orleans. All skill levels welcome and needed! Travel grants are available to help off-set the costs of transportation, Contact Mike ([mga1960@earthlink.net](mailto:mga1960@earthlink.net)) or Heather Janules ([hjanules@cedarlane.org](mailto:hjanules@cedarlane.org)) with questions.