

## **Minutes of the SJC Meeting, June 4, 2009, 7:30 pm.**

There: Nancy Derr (board liaison), Betsy Devlin-Foltz (co-chair), Marge Dimond, Karen Goozner, Kay Gottesman, Rev. Heather Janules, Nancy Janssen, Connie Nissley (treasurer), Sandy Shaw (co-chair), Helen Strang, Annette Scarpitta, Ann Suydam, Becky White.

- Heather gave an opening reading, followed by a check-in round by all.
- The lizard table will promote and collect contributions for A Wider Circle. How to lizard effectively was discussed.
- Karen described the concept of RE classes promoting the Seven Principles in the ground level lounge/ bulletin area. She will work closely with Rev. Susan Archer on this. Karen has consulted with Sara Deshler and Andy Streich on a “virtual wall” promoting CLUUC’s social justice activities in the lounge during coffee after services using photos, artwork, interviews, etc., projected via laptop. Karen will also consult with Rev. Archene Turner, our coordinator of Sr. High Youth.
- Catherine Schuler will be our new representative to the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ), replacing Pat Karlsen who has completed her term in that role. Catherine should be placed on our email list so she is included in SJC meetings and activities. Connie referenced a message from Rev. Terry Ellen of the UUSJ, stating need for help at the Green Festival.
- Connie discussed SJC’s financial statement as of 6/1/09, projecting that about \$2,000 would not be used. This is not the final statement, as the FY closes June 30, 2009. The Environmental Task Force (ETF) asks for financial help (and volunteers) for two field trips plus a talk/area clean up the ETF plans on July 1, 8, and 15 at Beacon House’s camp. Marge discussed the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington’s need for money. Sandy moved that \$500 be used for CLARITY, \$300 be used for ETF, and \$200 be contributed to the Lesbian & Gay Chorus - with the balance remaining (about \$1,025) to be used for the SJC’s Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Karen and unanimously carried. Connie will put any of these funds that are not disbursed by June 30 into the SJ Gift Fund Operating account from which they can be paid during the next fiscal year (the \$500 for CLARITY will likely not be needed until after July 1) Marge will prepare the check request for the Chorus before this FY ends. Connie will inform the ETF.
- The SJC will have a potluck on Wednesday, July 8, replacing our usual July 2 (first Thursday) time slot. SJCers are welcome to bring a guest. Kay, Becky and Nancy J will be the organizing team.
- The group gave Betsy feedback on replying to the UUA’s six-month-out evaluation request of our Empowerment Workshop. Consensus is that the Workshop was a landmark event for CLUUC.

☉ Becky and Sandy described their very interesting interviews (with Mike Benefiel also) of seven high school candidates for our scholarship. Four prioritized candidates were selected (first from Korea, second from Cameroon, third from the Philippines, fourth El Salvador). The histories of these scholarship recipients are successful. The final awardee will be invited to a Sunday service at CLUUC. The awardee should be announced on CLUUC's website. The \$4,000 in our funds for this purpose will be depleted this year. Debbie Trent will get involved in this project for next year.

☉ Annette, ICC chair, described FOCCUS's program to host a delegation from Chernobyl at CLUUC, September 19-27. Karen suggested promoting this on the "virtual wall" project, as well as in the newsletter and at the lizard table.

☉ Betsy described a recent meeting of CLUUCers interested in working against the death penalty and for prison reform. Rev. Fritts has been asked for support, such as an interview with exoneree for a Sunday service. Prison reform and juvenile justice are also a potential action path.

☉ Marge discussed that six states have ratified same-sex marriage; NY and NJ are on the verge. President Obama has reinstated LGBT Pride Month and has made a strong statement supporting equal rights for all under the law and will do what he can to undo the "don't ask, don't tell law."

☉ All agreed that the Southern Poverty Law Institute and Human Rights Watch are two good groups for SJC to support.

☉ Heather observing on the process of our meeting - stated that sticking to the structure of our agenda gives us focus!

The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Janssen, 6/5/09