

**Minutes from the Social Justice Meeting  
November 4, 2010  
Cedar Lane Library**

**Present:** Kay Gottesman, Pat Karlsen, Sandy Shaw, Connie Nissley, Heather Janules, Stephen Colgan, Kay Scott, Becky White, Al Carr, John Daniel, Helen Strang, Kent Mason, Henry Sgrecci

**Opening Words & Chalice Lighting:** Pat Karlsen

**Check In:** All

**Finance:**

Connie Nissley (Treasurer) distributed the Financial Statement, which was reviewed by the group, opened for discussion and approved.

**Manna Food:**

John Daniel & Helen Strang came to discuss Manna Food volunteerism that Cedar Lane middle school youth have been participating in for years. Every month with a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, the youth group volunteers at Manna to pack boxes for distribution to residents in need.

Cedar Lane's food drives for Manna have been successful. There has been an increase in giving – so much so that John's car is completely full when he delivers. This has been working but they are looking at a more intentional approach to delivering the food on the first Monday of every month, including finding additional drivers. A new action being considered is to have RE youth collect food to be distributed on a weekly basis to MCPS youth who receive free & reduced meals. The RE Council and Susan are excited about involving the youth in this way. John and Helen are coordinating the logistics.

**Board Policy:**

Cedar Lane Board Memorandum Number 28, Re: use of Task Forces, was distributed and discussed. This policy defines Task Forces, their objective and their expected two year life cycle. The memo addresses task forces that have exceeded this time frame becoming Standing Committees that follow the committee leadership and recruitment policies established in the by-laws. Following discussion it was agreed to invite the Environmental Task Force to the December meeting to discuss further.

**Communication:**

**Lounge Lizards:**

Kay Gottesman will coordinate the Lounge Lizard schedule until a new volunteer is in place. A signup sheet was distributed.

**Beacon House:** Presents collected through RE for Beacon House youth need to be delivered. Two drivers are needed. Pat Karlsen is coordinating this effort.

Kent Mason came to explain the history of the Maurer Scholarship. This is a fund that was established as a memorial. It is intended to assist able students who might not get to Montgomery College on their own, but once there will thrive and figure out how to continue. Recipients are graduating seniors from Rockville HS who meet the eligibility criteria of need and maintain at least a B average. The scholarship has funded at least one student per year since it was established in 1976.

The CL January concert will be a fund raiser to support this scholarship.

**Closing Minute of Silence:** meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

*Stephen Colgan*

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