

## UUCWI Social Action Committee

Meeting Notes 12/16/2005

Present: Chair Nancy, Patricia, Hildred, Malcolm

Absent: Bill

### 1. Ingathering

Nancy shared a quote about food justice.

### 2. Financial Report

Nancy summarized the following reports for the committee. She then explained that there were several unanswered questions about the basket fund regarding a discrepancy of almost \$1000 from what Kathleen B. has sent her (highlighted below).

**Action item:** Kathleen and Nancy will get together in January to reconcile their accounts.

FY 2005-6	SA Committee Account	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
7/1/2005	budget from congregation funds	\$200.00			\$200.00
9/11/2005	collection for Hurricane Katrina/Transylvania flooding	\$837.00		\$837.00	\$200.00
9/25/2005	collection for CDCA	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$200.00
10/16/2005	collection for CPR	\$167.10		\$167.10	\$200.00
10/23/2005	collection for Pakistan earthquake relief	\$551.00		\$551.00	\$200.00
11/6/2005	reimburse Marilyn for workshop		\$30.00		\$170.00
11/17/2005	collection for Global Citizen Journey	\$62.30		\$62.30	\$170.00
	<b>FY Totals</b>	\$1,992.40	\$30.00	\$1,792.40	

Date	Baskets for Books	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
6/30/2004	total income thru 6/30/2004	\$4,027.98			\$4,027.98
11/1/2003	donation to scholarship fund			\$1,920.00	\$2,107.98
6/30/2004	total purchases and shipping through 6/30/2004		\$1,367.77		\$740.21
7/30/2004	income from Eastshore sales	\$2,330.90			\$3,071.11
9/1/2004	donation to scholarship fund			\$2,200.00	\$871.11
9/1/2004	purchase baskets		\$547.80		\$323.31
12/20/2004	purchase baskets		\$494.57		(\$171.26)
12/23/2004	income from Woodinville sales	\$2,132.14			\$1,960.88
3/10/2005	income from Friendship Day sales	\$158.83			\$2,119.71
5/31/2005	miscellaneous sales	\$21.66			\$2,141.37
6/8/2005	donation to scholarship fund			\$1,200.00	\$941.37
9/6/2005	miscellaneous sales	\$205.80			\$1,147.17
	purchase baskets? donation?		\$960.08		\$187.09
11/14/2005	income from Bellingham sales (assumed)	\$2,213.42			\$2,400.51
12/1/2005	tax liability		\$199.20		\$2,201.31
	<b>Totals</b>	\$11,090.73	\$3,569.42	\$5,320.00	

3. Old Business:

a. action items from November meeting

All items were completed as described with the exception of printing the basket poster. Nancy shared the final draft of the poster for input. No one had any changes.

**Action item:** Nancy will have the poster printed and submit the receipt to Kathleen B.

b. Baskets for Books update

Bill sent Nancy a message this week indicating that Sister Maura has volunteered to act as the purchasing intermediary for this project. This will allow the project to continue after the current Peace Corps volunteer leaves. As far as Nancy knows, a new shipment has been ordered for sale at the PNWD Annual General Meeting.

c. Eyes Wide Open exhibit update

Patricia has been in touch with other groups about hosting this exhibit, and they have begun planning for it. They plan to draw in high school students to help. Nancy recommended that Patricia contact Hildred's grandsons, who were featured in a recent article about opting out of sharing personal information with the military.

The Coupeville Peace and Reconciliation group will be showing a video from Iraqi Vets against the War on January 28th, and Patricia would like to have UUs attend. She is also looking into having crosses displayed for all the American troops killed in Iraq in a field near the intersection of Highway 525 and Main Street in Coupeville. Malcolm provided some information about the number of troop deaths, and Patricia invited him to share this when the video is shown.

**Action item:** Nancy will check if she still has the *South Whidbey Record* articles about the student protests and about the opt-out at the high school for Patricia.

d. church building and environmental standards update

Malcolm reported that the Building Committee is finding that the building is too expensive for our resources and seems to be eliminating funding for some of the green aspects that he has suggested with the congregation's approval. He is concerned. Further discussion about the status of the building included Nancy's sharing that she had sent the Board of Trustees a message suggesting that the congregation hold CRE classes at a time different from our services. If the timing of CRE is one of the main obstacles to our growth, we can address this right away and don't need to wait until we have a building.

The Social Action Committee reiterated that we support building a structure that is green, financially responsible and responsive to the congregation's needs and preferences.

**Action item:** Nancy will convey the committee's stance to the Board of Trustees.

e. movie: Hotel Rwanda showing from Amnesty International

Nancy finally realized that organizing and sponsoring this movie is not high

enough on her priority list for her to take action on it. The committee agreed to remove this from our action list.

f. training report: Worry-free Advocacy for Nonprofits

Because Marilyn S. has decided to leave this committee for the time being, she gave the workshop materials to Nancy. Because Nancy only received the materials yesterday, she has not had a chance to review them.

**Action item:** Nancy will prepare a summary for our next meeting, incorporating both the materials from Marilyn and input from the UU group who invited us to the workshop.

g. Guest At Your Table

Evan W. did a terrific job of introducing the GAYT program on November 20th. Several people took boxes or envelopes for donations. Malcolm suggested having a brief ingathering of donations at our January 8th service.

**Action item:** Nancy will write a note of thanks to Evan and Ken and will prepare a brief ceremony.

h. SA service topic and speaker

Bill Grace has been scheduled to speak next September. Malcolm proposed that the SA Committee be responsible for four services each year, including a sermon from the Reverend Kit Ketcham. We decided to come up with preferred topics and/or speakers for our next meeting. Hildred offered to speak about her experience with UUSC.

**Action item:** All members will bring suggestions for topics and/or speakers to our next meeting.

i. Social Justice Empowerment Handbook

Nancy shared a reply to her inquiry from Tandi Rogers Koerger indicating that the district would encourage a workshop on this handbook. Tandi provided two suggestions for how to present it, and the committee decided to ask the Reverend Joan Montagnes at Eastshore about facilitating a workshop.

**Action item:** Nancy will contact Reverend Montagnes.

j. WISH campaign

Nancy shared an article from the *SW Record* about the WISH collection and stated that, while we did not play a big role in the successful campaign, she's proud that we participated.

4. New Business:

a. cookbook for Good Cheer

Nancy described how two opportunities came together in the last few weeks: 1) a request from Good Cheer Food Bank for assistance in offering cooking classes for food bank customers and 2) a request for proposals for financial assistance on projects that "improve the South Whidbey community" from the South Whidbey Rotary Club. Nancy approached Kathy McLaughlin at Good Cheer with an offer to collect recipes and compile a cookbook in preparation for cooking classes to be held after Good Cheer's new building is complete. When Kathy was receptive, Nancy further suggested asking the Rotary Club for money to print the cookbooks. Nancy shared the proposal that she wrote and sent this week. The

committee approved working on this project and inviting Langley United Methodist Church to participate in collecting recipes. Patricia offered to help edit and compile recipes, and Malcolm suggested that he write annotations.

**Action item:** Nancy will contact Nancy Waddell at LUMC and will publicize this within our congregation. She will visit the food bank to see what foods are available for use in recipes.

b. Social Justice Bennett Award

Nancy learned about this award and would like to nominate our committee. The application is due March 1st, and we need to allow time for our BOT to review it. See <http://www.uua.org/awards/bennett.html> for more information about how to apply and to read about recipients in past years.

**Action item:** Malcolm will compile a list of our accomplishments and supporting documentation to draft an application.

c. UUSC award

Nancy shared that our congregation is eligible for the Creating Justice Banner Society award from UUSC because of our congregation's increased number of UUSC members.

**Action item:** Nancy will include an announcement about this in our newsletter and at the service when we collect the GAYT donations.

d. basket sales at PNWD

Nancy asked for help selling baskets at the Annual General Meeting at these times:

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday (February 17th)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday (18th)

Patricia and Malcolm both volunteered to help. Patricia will either need to get a ride with someone or will need to be able to ride the bus.

**Action item:** Malcolm will find out if transportation from the ferry to the meeting is being offered.

e. hosting a social justice retreat for the district

All congregations on the PNWD Social Justice listserv were asked to host a retreat in the spring for social justice advocates throughout the district. After discussion, we decided we will not be able to offer to host.

**Action item:** Nancy will respond to the request.

f. fire victims

Nancy shared a news article and letter to the editor about two families who lost everything they owned in a house fire in her neighborhood last week. Nancy asked for ways that this committee can support the families. The committee decided that sending an all-congregation bulletin was the best approach.

**Action item:** Nancy will write an announcement for Mavis to send and to post in the Order of Service.

5. Next meeting

**10:15 Friday, January 13, 2006**, at Whidbey General Hospital cafeteria (note the new time, which may allow us to finish before lunch traffic becomes heavy.)