

UUCWI Social Action Committee
Meeting Notes 6/10/2005

Members present: Chair Nancy S., Patricia B., Marilyn S.
Members absent: Toyan C., Hildred C., Malcolm F., Bill G.

1. Ingathering

Nancy opened the meeting with a quote from the Buddha.

2. Financial Report

Nancy shared financial information:

Social Action Account

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
FY 2004-5					
5/22/2005	collection for Habitat for Humanity	\$111.00		\$111.00	\$312.20
6/10/2005	payment of LEED class		\$175.00		\$137.20
	FY Totals	\$1,401.00	\$305.00	\$1,401.00	
	Grand Totals	\$3,445.00	\$1,206.80	\$2,101.00	

Basket Account

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
FY 2004-5					
6/8/2005	donation to scholarship fund			\$1,200.00	\$919.71
	Totals	\$8,649.85	\$2,410.14	\$5,320.00	

No one had any questions about the financial report.

3. Old Business:

a. action items from the May meeting

Nancy was unsure whether Malcolm and Nancy Waddell had followed up regarding the women from CDCA. All other actions were completed

b. Baskets for Books update

Neither Bill nor Toyan was present to provide an update. Bill had sent Nancy an email notice that a check for \$1200 was being written for the scholarship fund.

c. July road cleanup date

The committee selected July 30th for the next road cleanup. Marilyn expressed an interest in helping, and Nancy let her know that there is a brief safety CD she

needs to watch first.

Action needed: Nancy will lend the safety CD to Marilyn.

- d. Eyes Wide Open exhibit.
Patricia had nothing new to report on the exhibit.
 - e. church building and environmental standards
Malcolm was absent, but Nancy provided a brief summary of Malcolm's and this committee's interest in having our building meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Malcolm has been attending LEED training in Bellingham and sharing his notes with the Building Committee.
 - f. Michael Shuman lecture
Nancy contacted Walt Blackford about hosting an event that would be open to the public and featuring Michael Shuman when he's here in July with the Whidbey Institute. Walt replied that an "open evening" is already planned for Thursday night July 21st. Walt will share information with Nancy when it is available.
Action needed: Nancy will include information about the open night in our newsletter.
 - g. collaboration with Langley United Methodist
Nancy and Nancy Waddell exchanged information as planned. There have been no new developments to share.
 - h. memorial tree
Nancy asked for help watering our memorial tree throughout the summer. Nancy just came from watering it and saw Baird, who offered to water it when he's there. He'll be gone for all of July, however. Marilyn offered to help, and Nancy will communicate with her so that they're sure that it gets a couple gallons of water every few days.
4. New Business:
- a. Hotel Rwanda kit from Amnesty International (see attached page)
Nancy proposed having a Hotel Rwanda house party as described by Amnesty International. After some discussion, we decided that we need to find a member of the congregation to host the party.
Action needed: Nancy will contact Bill and Sandy M. to see if they are interested in hosting a showing of the movie and discussion.
 - b. Initiative 901, Healthy Indoor Air for All Washington
Nancy intended to encourage committee members to gather signatures on petitions for this initiative but was reminded that the congregation cannot engage in political activity.
5. Next meeting
11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 12th at Trinity

Hotel Rwanda Organizing Kit

(see <http://www.amnestyusa.org/countries/sudan/hotelrwanda.html>)

Amnesty International has created a new downloadable organizing kit – based on the award-winning film, Hotel Rwanda – that you can use to bring human rights education to your community. The kit is composed of three elements: a house party kit, a teacher's guide, and a photo exhibit, and is designed to be used in conjunction with the release of Hotel Rwanda on DVD. We encourage you to use these new resources and to share them with family, friends and teachers.

Choose from this list of activist tools (all files are in PDF format):

Plan a house party. »

Download the teacher's guide: Create a lesson plan based on "Hotel Rwanda." »

Circulate the petition: Stop the flow of weapons to perpetrators of human rights abuses in Sudan. »

Circulate the petition: End Suffering of Innocent Civilians in Sudan. »

Organize a photo exhibit: "Yesterday, My Village Was Burned." Use our tips for planning your exhibit. »

Read more: Darfur human rights crisis fact sheet. »

Read more: Rwanda timeline. »

Join form: Use this form to join Amnesty International. »

Buy the film: Shop Amazon through our website & Amnesty International will receive 5 - 10% of the sale. »

Tell your friends: Share these organizing tools with your friends. »

Learn more: Take action and read recent news and reports on Rwanda. »

Join the discussion: Tell us how you use the Hotel Rwanda organizing kit. »