

UUCWI Social Action Committee
Notes 1/14/2005

Members present: Patricia, Hildred, Malcolm, chair Nancy
Members absent: Toyan, Bill

1. Ingathering

Nancy led a brief ingathering by lighting the chalice and reading words from Mother Teresa.

2. Financial Report

Nancy shared financial information received from Roy B. There were no questions. She has not yet asked for the amount collected in the Guest At Your Table (GAYT) project.

Action needed: Nancy will ask Roy about the GAYT collection amount.

Social Action Account

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
9/26/2004	collection for CASA	\$81.00		\$81.00	\$442.20
10/24/2004	collection for Churchworks Fund	\$109.00		\$109.00	\$442.20
11/7/2004	collection for Friends of Friends	\$217.00		\$217.00	\$442.20
12/26/2005	collection for Good Cheer	\$95.00		\$95.00	\$442.20
	Year-to-Date Totals	\$502.00	\$0	\$502.00	

Baskets for Books

Date	Description	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
12/20/2005	purchase baskets		\$494.57		-\$171.26
12/23/2005	income from Woodinville sales	\$2,132.14			\$1,960.88
	Project Totals	\$8,491.02	\$2,410.14	\$4,120.00	

3. Old Business:

a. action items from December's meeting

i. Nancy contacted the *South Whidbey Record*, and Cynthia Woolbright was scheduled to meet with Toyan yesterday.

ii. Nancy contacted the parenting class project at the county jail. Patricia asked for more information about the project, perhaps to include in a press release.

Action needed: Nancy will send contact information for Karin Watson to Patricia.

- iii. Nancy looked on the UUSC website for actions to take regarding the situation in Sudan, but the only actions listed were to write letters to congresspeople, the Secretary of State, and the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.
 - iv. Nancy sent Malcolm information about the CCEJ speakers' bureau.
 - v. Malcolm made an announcement as planned.
- b. Baskets for Books update (Bill & Toyan)
Neither Bill nor Toyan was present to update the committee on this project. Malcolm mentioned the Christmas card that the Guaraní basket makers sent to the congregation, and he also reported that a new shipment of baskets had arrived before Christmas. Some of the baskets were sold within our congregation, but he was not sure of the status of the remaining baskets. Nancy reiterated that the *SW Record* is interested in writing an article about the project and shared the article from the *UU World* with the committee.
- c. Green Sanctuary Project
Nancy updated the committee on the requirements for the project and the preliminary approval for it from the Leadership Council meeting on December 11th. After discussion, the committee agreed to recruit some members to serve on the Green Sanctuary Committee and then ask the Board of Trustees (BOT) to formally create this committee. Malcolm volunteered to serve as committee chair.
Action needed: Nancy will contact Bob L., Toyan C., and Marjorie L. to ask for their participation in this committee.
- d. video series
Nancy asked Ron V., our BOT liaison, to bring this proposal to the attention of the BOT to see if there were any objections before we put time and energy into it. She has not yet heard back from Ron. Malcolm suggested that we let this idea drop since no one on the committee has expressed a desire to organize it. All agreed.
- e. Whidbey Interfaith in Action (Malcolm)
Malcolm reported on his experience attending this group's meeting in December. He is skeptical that they will be able to form a vibrant, active group any time soon. Nancy will attend tonight's meeting to determine if anything is being accomplished.
- f. coordinating the Marriage Equality Day rally in Olympia
Patricia agreed to coordinate carpooling to the rally. She and Nancy will work on publicity after this meeting.
4. New Business:
- a. April 17 service
Malcolm reported that the CRE program and Reverend Ketcham will be presenting an Earth Day segment during the service on April 17th. After some discussion, we decided that this will not impact our planned April 24th service

and that we don't need to coordinate with the CRE efforts. Nancy reiterated that she would like to have a speaker from an environmental justice organization on the 24th. Since our last meeting, she has read that the UUSC has decided that environmental justice is one of their three focus areas, lending even more emphasis to our need to be active in this area.

Action needed: Malcolm will contact the speakers' bureau to see if we can arrange a speaker from the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice.

b. tsunami collection

Hildred had asked that we have a congregational collection to be donated to relief efforts in tsunami-devastated areas of Asia. After some discussion, we decided to ask the BOT if we can have a donation basket available during the February potluck dinner. Donations will be made to the UUSC's relief fund.

Action needed: Nancy will ask Dave C. if we can arrange for this collection.

c. environmental grant from LMS

Nancy read in the *SW Record* that Langley Middle School's Youth in Philanthropy program is offering small grants to individuals and organizations for projects that will improve the environment on South Whidbey. Nancy thought we could ask for money to purchase litter grabber tools to distribute to existing and new Adopt-A-Road crews on the south end. This will enable individuals who find it difficult to bend over to pick up trash to volunteer. All agreed that we should submit a grant proposal after finding out how many crews there are on the south end.

Action needed: Nancy will get the needed information and submit the proposal.

d. Good Cheer building collaboration

Malcolm reported that, as a result of Kathy McLaughlin's presentation last month at our service, our building committee and Good Cheer's building committee are exploring collaborating on our buildings. A first meeting was held at Malcolm's house yesterday.

5. Next meeting

9:30 a.m. Friday, February 11, 2005, at Trinity Chapel