

UUCWI Social Action Committee
Meeting Notes 10/21/2005

Members present: Chair Nancy, Malcolm
Members absent: Hildred, Bill, Patricia, Marilyn

1. Ingathering
Nancy opened with a quote from Julia Butterfly Hill.

2. Financial Report
SA Fund

FY 2005-6		Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
7/1/2005	budget from congregation funds	\$200.00			\$200.00
9/25/2005	collection for CDCA	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$200.00
10/16/2005	collection for CPR	\$139.10		\$139.10	\$200.00
FY Totals		\$514.10	\$0.00	\$314.10	
Grand Totals		\$4,000.10	\$1,206.80	\$2,456.10	

Nancy had not been able to find out the amount donated to hurricane victims on September 11th. There were no questions about finances.

3. Old Business:

a. action items from September meeting

All were completed except Nancy's follow-up on hosting *Hotel Rwanda* and Malcolm's finding out about Bill's suggested speaker.

b. Baskets for Books update

Nancy shared this message from Bill: "Our basket inventory is currently being sold by the Soc. Action and Youth Group of the Bellingham UU Church. We are expecting another shipment in Nov. There have been inquiries from the Corvallis UU congregation but nothing definite yet. I hope we can use PNWD to enlist other congregations."

Nancy then shared the draft design for a poster to be used when selling baskets and when soliciting congregations to take a shipment on consignment. Malcolm had already provided feedback on the poster.

c. Eyes Wide Open exhibit update

Patricia was not present to provide an update.

d. church building and environmental standards update

Malcolm reported that our proposed PNWD Annual General Meeting presentation on green building was not accepted. There were many more proposals than time slots for presentations, and AGM organizers felt that the presentation would be more worthwhile after our building project was complete. Malcolm also shared that Sandy W. is the Building Committee liaison to

FlatRock, and she has asked that we limit the amount of contact with them in an effort not to run up the consulting bill. Finally, Malcolm wanted to be sure that all know about the upcoming presentation and discussion with Brennan Schumacher on green building. If a date is determined before the November newsletter is published, Nancy will be sure to include it.

- e. Hotel Rwanda showing from Amnesty International
Nancy did not take any action on this item since our last meeting, partly because of the UUSC announcement of A Moral Approach Sunday and accompanying film (see below).
- f. training report: Worry-free Advocacy for Nonprofits
Marilyn was not present to report on this workshop
- g. SA service topic and speaker (Malcolm)
Malcolm had not yet found out about Bill Grace, Director of the Center for Ethical Leadership, whom Bill had suggested as a social-action speaker for a worship service this year. Malcolm and Nancy took a look at the worship calendar to determine if there are still open Sundays.
Action needed: Malcolm will follow up with the Worship Committee.
- h. Social Justice Empowerment Handbook
Nancy corrected her misrepresentation of the new UUA Social Justice Empowerment Handbook – she had thought it was only five pages long and we'd be able to discuss it in its entirety at this meeting. Instead, the handbook is almost 50 pages in 15 chapters. The five-page document was something else. Nancy asked whether there was interest in going through parts or all of the handbook as a committee. Malcolm suggested that we invite other PNWD congregations to go through this with us and share/collaborate on projects.
Action needed: Nancy will contact Tandi Rogers Koerger, who sent the notice about the handbook, and other congregations in our district to see if there is any interest in this.

4. New Business:

- a. UUSC appeal for earthquake victims
Nancy reported that the UUSC has appealed for a special collection for victims of the earthquake in Pakistan. The committee decided to ask the Board of Trustees (BOT) to permit this collection.
Action needed: Nancy will bring this up with the BOT.
- b. Guest at Your Table (GAYT)
The suggested date to kick off the GAYT program is Sunday, November 20, 2005. The committee decided to ask Evan W. if he'll introduce the program as he did last year.
Action needed: Nancy will order materials and see if Evan is available and willing to introduce the program. She'll also write an article for the November newsletter.
- c. Moral Approach Sunday,
Nancy shared an email message that she received from the UUSC this week

about designating November 13th as “Moral Approach Sunday.” This relates to a showing of Robert Greenwald's newest film, *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*. The UUA, the UU Service Committee, and UUs for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) are sponsors. Malcolm suggested that we check with Nancy Waddell at Langley United Methodist Church to see if they are interested in a joint showing.

Action needed: Nancy will contact Nancy Waddell.

5. Next meeting
11:00 a.m. Friday, November 10th at Trinity