

UUCWI Social Action Committee
Notes 10/8/2004

Attending: Patricia, Toyan, Hildred, Jack, Chair Nancy
Absent: Malcolm, Bill

1. Financial Report

Nancy shared a financial statement from the basket project (there has been no activity in our committee account):

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
7/30/2004	previous balance				\$3,071.11
9/1/2004	donation to scholarship fund			\$2,200.00	\$871.11
9/1/2004	purchase baskets		\$547.80		\$323.31
Totals to Date		\$6,358.88	\$1,915.57	\$4,120.00	

There were no questions or comments on the report.

2. Old Business

a. action items from the September meeting

Nancy reviewed actions needed at the end of the last meeting. All were completed except for two that she was responsible for: calling Kathy McLaughlin regarding the December 26th service and writing a brief article for our newsletter about the situation in Sudan. Patricia volunteered to write the Sudan article for the November issue.

Actions needed: Patricia will write an article after Nancy sends her website addresses for information. Nancy will call Kathy McLaughlin.

b. Guest At Your Table project

Nancy reported that Malcolm phoned last night and told her that he has the order form for GAYT materials and will order 30 boxes.

c. charity recipients

Patricia reported that the \$81 collected in September has been delivered to the CASA program. October's collection will be donated to the Churchworks Fund in honor of Ann Heller's service to the PNWD. Nancy then described a dilemma in choosing a recipient for the November collection. At our last meeting, this committee decided to ask the service speaker, Sharon Parks, to choose a recipient. She has chosen the Institute for Children's Environmental Health (ICEH) and Leadership for the New Commons. Nancy has a conflict of interest because she works for ICEH. She answered questions from committee members regarding the missions, scope, and methods of these organizations, then recused herself from the discussion and decision. The rest of the committee discussed charity recipients after reviewing our goals for this endeavor and decided they would prefer to donate to an organization that benefits our local community. Jack suggested financing scholarships to enable children to attend activities that they can't afford. Nancy suggested financing scholarships at the Parks and Recreation or donating to youth programs. Toyan mentioned the possibility of coordinating the collection with other entities in the congregation.

Possibilities include working with the CRE program and/or the Worship Committee to have a special project that we all work on.

Action needed: Nancy will contact Sharon Parks, describe our situation, and ask if she has a local organization that she would nominate to receive our collection.

d. welcome Hildred

Nancy welcomed Hildred to the committee. Hildred mentioned that she has never belonged to a UU congregation without being part of the Social Action Committee.

e. Adopt-A-Road cleanup

Our last litter pick-up of the season went well, even with few volunteers. Our next clean-up will be in May or June.

f. voter registration

Nancy has no further activities to report, but she did share postcards from November2.org urging people to vote. Several committee members took postcards to send to friends.

g. stem cell research video

Malcolm mentioned to Nancy in his phone call last night that he has not been able to review the video. We'll wait until someone on the committee has had a chance to see the video before deciding whether we can show it.

h. Baskets for Books project

Toyan reported that members of the Woodinville UU congregation took a supply of baskets to sell either at their church or at the Edmonds UU church. Toyan has ordered a new batch of baskets that should arrive soon for sale during the holidays. She also mentioned that Bill has been in contact with representatives of the *UU World*, and they are interested in writing an article about this project.

3. New Business:

a. Our role in the Welcoming Congregation process

Nancy led a brief discussion of what role this committee might take in the process to become a UU Welcoming Congregation. An initial workshop is scheduled for tomorrow, and it seems logical that this committee should be involved. Toyan suggested that we wait to see what needs to be done before we define our role. Possible activities that we may want to engage in include reviewing our publications for inclusive language and coordinating with the community on sexual identity issues, especially at the high school. Nancy and Patricia plan to attend the workshop tomorrow and will represent this committee.

4. Next meeting

9:30 am on Friday, November 12th at Trinity