

UUCWI Social Action Committee

Notes 3/11/2005

Members present: Patricia, Hildred, Malcolm (briefly), Bill, chair Nancy

Members absent: Toyan

1. Financial Report

Social Action Account

Date	Description	Income	Expense	Donation	Balance
FY 2004-5					
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
1/9/2005	GAYT collection	\$326.00		\$326.00	\$442.20
1/23/2005	collection for prison parenting program	\$87.00		\$87.00	\$442.20
2/13/2005	collection for Operation Sack Lunch	\$70.00		\$70.00	\$442.20
	FY Totals	\$985.00	\$0.00	\$985.00	
	Grand Totals	\$3,029.00	\$901.80	\$1,685.00	

There were no questions about the finances.

2. Old Business:

a. action items from February meeting

All items were completed.

b. Baskets for Books update (Bil)

Bill reported that there were about \$158 in basket sales from the World Friendship Day event at Greenbank Farm on March 1st. Bill now has a partial shipment of baskets and has been communicating with congregations in Bellingham, Texas and New Jersey about selling them. He has had several inquiries as a result of the article in the *UU World*. Toyan has ordered a new shipment.

c. Green Sanctuary Project (Nancy)

Nancy asked the Board of Trustees (BOT) to approve the formation of a Green Sanctuary Committee. The request was denied for now. The BOT feels that the congregation does not have the resources to take on another large, demanding project while we are also building and working on the Welcoming Congregation project.

- d. Marriage Equality Day in Olympia, February 14th
Nancy reported that Baird B. attended the rally in Olympia with Kit and several members of the Langley United Methodist Church.
 - e. environmental grant from LMS
Nancy ordered 17 litter grabbers and has received them. She has left a message for Joe Araucto at the county to coordinate distributing and publicizing them, but he has not yet returned her call. She has also purchased labels to put on the grabbers indicating their source and funding.
Action needed: Nancy will continue to try to contact Joe.
 - f. tsunami relief collection at March 13th potluck
Hildred has taken responsibility for this collection and has been coordinating details with Mavis C. She'll announce the collection at Sunday's service. Nancy also gave Mavis an announcement for the Order of Service.
 - g. April 24th service
Malcolm reported that he has arranged for Yalonda Sinde from the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice to speak.
 - h. CRE book
Nancy sent information to Siri S. about the book discussed at our last meeting about preparing for children with special needs. Siri did not consider this topic a priority, but she will bring it up with the CRE Committee.
 - i. Justice Sunday, March 13th
Nancy has received the Order of Service inserts and handouts. Kit has adjusted her sermon topic to coordinate with the UUSC's topic of water rights.
 - j. Talk to Me couple
Nancy brought this couple's request to camp on our property to the BOT. Both the C.s and the V.s have indicated a willingness to let them camp in their yards. The committee decided that no further action was needed.
 - k. Environment Education Week, April 10-16
Nancy requested that the BOT approve our sponsoring of national Environment Education Week, and they agreed. Nancy and Malcolm drafted letters with information and resources for teachers and sent them to all the school principals on the island. Nancy also listed the resources on our website and put an announcement in our March newsletter. Malcolm has offered to volunteer in classrooms on South and Central Whidbey.
 - l. Port Townsend war tax resistance
Malcolm had nothing further to share about this topic.
3. New Business
- a. UU United Nations Office Envoy
Nancy mentioned that the UU UNO has asked for an envoy within each UU congregation. The envoy will act as the liaison to the UU UNO and bring news and action to the attention of the congregation when appropriate. Patricia volunteered to serve as envoy.

Action needed: Nancy will contact the UU UNO and give them Patricia's contact information.

b. video purchase

Nancy saw in a recent email message from Kit that Kit has purchased a video titled *Tying the Knot* about marriage equality. Kit will use the video as part of the Welcoming Congregation project and perhaps for other groups. Nancy proposed paying for the video with committee funds. Bill moved to approve up to \$30 toward payment of the video, and all agreed.

Action needed: Nancy will coordinate payment with Kit and Roy B.

c. UUSC Local Representative

Similar to the UU UNO envoy, a local representative for the UUSC will serve to communicate the UUSC's programs and actions to the congregation. Nancy volunteered to serve as our congregation's representative.

Action needed: Nancy will contact the UUSC and give them her contact information.

d. road cleanup date

Nancy proposed setting a date for our first Adopt-A-Road cleanup of this year. Nancy suggested a couple of dates in May, but Patricia suggested that April may be a better month to begin. Nancy then chose April 9th.

Action needed: Nancy will put the date on the congregation's calendar.

e. next fiscal year's budget

Bill wondered whether we've had any information from the BOT about next year's budget. Nancy has not heard anything but will ask Dave C.

Action needed: Nancy will ask Dave about making a budget request for the next fiscal year.

f. parenting class publicity

Patricia had in her notes from a past meeting that she was to write a press release about our involvement with the parenting class at the county jail. After discussion, including mention of the Whidbey Interfaith In Action donation of magazines to the jail, the committee decided that a press release is not warranted at this time.

g. collaboration with Methodists

Bill mentioned receiving an email exchange between Nancy and Nancy Waddell of Langley United Methodist Church about possible collaboration between our social action groups. Nancy Waddell could not attend this meeting, but she has been invited to our April meeting to explore this.

4. Next meeting

9:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2005, at Trinity