

UUCWI Social Action Committee Notes 4/8/2005

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

1. Ingathering
Nancy read two brief quotes from Eugene Ionesco.
2. Financial Report
Nancy had no new information since our last meeting. Hildred reported that the tsunami collection yielded \$102, a surprising sum considering that there was also a special offering for Hearts & Hammers during the service that day.
3. Old Business:
 - a. action items from March meeting
all completed
 - b. Baskets for Books update (Bill & Toyan)
Bill has requested to pass on the leadership of this project or that the SA Committee move on to something else. Nancy led a discussion in which the committee decided that we do want to continue this project, that we will try to find a new person from within the congregation to take leadership, and that we will also try to find helpers so that the leadership position will be eased.
Actions needed: Nancy will ask Toyan if she would like to assume the leadership. She will also ask Tom B., Terri A. and Wayne B. if they would help as needed. Nancy will ask Bill for a job description.
 - c. environmental grant from LMS
Nancy has been working with Joe Araucto in the county office to deliver the tools to the Bayview shop. Joe is arranging a presentation of tools to the County Commissioners. Nancy has been reimbursed by the middle school fund for her purchase of the tools and labels.
Action needed: Nancy will label all the tools indicating that we donated them with funding from the middle school.
 - d. April 24th service
Speakers from the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice are scheduled to come speak. Malcolm will be the service leader. In case of last-minute changes or problems, Malcolm will have the Justice Sunday sermon on water rights available.
Actions needed: Malcolm will find a copy of the sermon. Nancy will send Mavis information about the CCEJ conference for the April 24th Order of Service.
 - e. Port Townsend war tax resistance
Malcolm had nothing new on this topic and requested that we drop it from consideration.

- f. road cleanup preparations
Nancy has all the equipment in her trunk, and we're set to clean up litter tomorrow.

4. New Business:

a. using our funds

Nancy led a discussion of how to use our remaining funds for this budget year. She suggested paying expenses for someone from the committee to attend the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice conference on May 7th. Patricia suggested that we use our funds to support a showing of the "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit from American Friends Society. The exhibit has a number of displays that show the costs of the war in Iraq in terms of human lives and suffering. It is showing in Seattle this weekend. Patricia feels that she can gain enough volunteer support from several organizations on the island to put it on. Nancy asked, and the committee agreed, to postpone a decision on whether to use committee funds until several questions are answered satisfactorily:

- i. Will the UUCWI Board of Trustees approve our sponsoring this exhibit?
- ii. Does the exhibit schedule permit its booking here?
- iii. Which other groups will commit to sponsor and help put this on?
- iv. Where would the exhibit be housed?

Actions needed: Nancy will ask the BOT to sponsor this exhibit. Patricia will find answers to the remaining questions.

b. exploring collaboration with Langley United Methodist

Nancy Waddell was not able to attend this meeting, but we're still hoping to find some ways to collaborate.

c. committee announcements

Malcolm suggested that there be a regular, systematic announcement from the committee at least once each month during a service. This will keep our work and mission in the congregation's focus. The April 24th service will serve as an extended announcement this month. Nancy agreed to prepare an announcement each month, calling on committee members when appropriate.

d. meeting times

Nancy brought up Bill's inability to meet on Thursdays or Fridays while his classes are in session. The group discussed options and decided that Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the day would be good times. Patricia asked that we meet on the hour so that she can ride the bus.

Action needed: Nancy will find out if these times suit Bill and will set a new meeting time from his response. She'll be sure to let Hildred know so that she can arrange transportation.

5. Next meeting

to be determined