

UUCWI Social Action Committee
Meeting Notes 9/9/2005

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

1. Ingathering

Nancy read two quotes from Richard Bach and the Buddha to set the scene.

2. Financial Report

Nancy reported that there had been no activity in our accounts other than the purchase of a new shipment of baskets to be sold by the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship. Bill had told Nancy that the shipment cost more than the roughly \$920 that we had in the basket account, and Nancy offered to lend the basket project money from the SA account to cover the cost of the shipment. When the basket sales are done, the money will be repaid to the SA account.

3. Old Business:

a. action items from the August meeting

All have been completed

b. Baskets for Books update

Bill was not present to give an update.

c. road cleanup renewal

Nancy received a two-year renewal application from the county, which she completed and submitted.

d. Eyes Wide Open exhibit

Patricia had discovered that the exhibit is again traveling, mostly to East Coast locations.

Action needed: Patricia will monitor the website and let us know when West Coast bookings are reported so that we can piggyback on one.

e. church building and environmental standards

Malcolm reiterated that the Building Committee has been revamped, although it appears more a change in structure than in personnel. Tom B. will be the point person for environmental aspects of the building. As for the 28 points that were approved at the June congregational meeting, Malcolm sent them to Flat Rock designers and discovered that this was the first they had heard of them.

Brennan Schumacher, the leader of the LEED course that Malcolm completed in June, has offered to come to the congregation to review Green benefits, answer our questions and such as a free service. The committee supported his visit. The date will be decided during another committee meeting on the 15th.

f. *Hotel Rwanda* kit from Amnesty International

Patricia reported that *Hotel Rwanda* is not available from the lending service that she recommended that we try at our last meeting. Malcolm checked about a

showing at The Clyde, the owners are not favorably inclined at this time.

Action needed: Nancy will check with Bill and Sandy M. about possible dates for a showing.

g. training: Worry-free Advocacy for Nonprofits

Marilyn was not able to attend today's meeting, but she called Nancy and informed her that she is registered for this training on Monday. If anyone else would like to attend, they can.

Action needed: Marilyn will prepare a summary of this training for our next meeting and for the Board of Trustees (BOT).

4. New Business:

a. organizations to receive our monthly offering

We've received requests to take special offerings for victims of Hurricane Katrina and the flooding in Transylvania. Nancy counseled that we are authorized by the BOT for only one special offering per month, so she forwarded these requests to Toyan and Kathleen to be brought before the BOT. Nancy hasn't heard anything further.

Action needed: Nancy will communicate with Mavis about whether a special offering will be taken at this Sunday's service.

b. presentation for PNWD annual meeting

Malcolm sent his proposal for a presentation on the LEED certification and green buildings. Nancy is waiting for photos from Bill to create a poster about the Baskets for Books project for the meeting. The poster will be designed for use with basket sales, also.

c. SA service topic and speaker

Bill had sent a suggestion to invite Bill Grace, Director of the Center for Ethical Leadership, to talk about ethical imperatives relating to social action for one of our designated services.

Action needed: Malcolm will follow up with Bill and the Worship Committee to find out more about the speaker.

d. UUSC Stop Torture Campaign

Nancy has received a poster from the UUSC regarding their Stop Torture Campaign and their events the weekend of September 24th. Nancy would like to have the campaign announced at the next service, but she will not be able to attend.

Action needed: Malcolm will make an announcement about the campaign and activities.

e. Social Justice Empowerment Handbook

Nancy just found out about this handbook that the UUA has posted online. She's only had time to print it and hasn't looked at it in any detail, but she would like to share and discuss it at our next meeting. All agreed.

Action needed: Nancy will send a link to all to the online handbook.

f. CDCA newsletter

Malcolm shared the current issue of the newsletter from the Center for

Development in Central America. He asked all to provide input to our speakers regarding specific topics for their presentation at our September 25th service.

Action needed: Malcolm will attach the newsletter to an email message to committee members for their input.

5. Next meeting
11:00 Friday October 14th at Trinity