

Minutes – Social Justice Action Committee Meeting

March 10, 2014, North Chapel Library

In attendance: Anne Marinello, Jackie Fischer, Akankha Perkins, Neil Marinello and Richard Schramm

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

The meeting in February was cancelled.

Report from the Board – Board did not have meeting in February

Reports/Updates

- Annual Meeting – Rhoda and Richard made report
- Youth Service (2/2) – Jackie Fischer interview of high school students well received
- Workshop on Race– February 22 – Attendance 25; Janet Davis did an excellent job
- Workshop and Service on Class and Privilege – March 15-16 – Saturday workshop currently undersubscribed (only about 10) but PR in Standard and Valley News; Sunday reflection on privilege to be shared between Peter Rousmaniere and Anne Macksoud
- February 6th Film – The Hungry Heart – Well attended; Anne Marinello working to get film into schools; Jackie working with local police on picking up of unused drugs as part of educational and law enforcement program
- Wisdom to Survive Film at Town Hall around Earth Day – Support for idea;
Action Item: Jackie to see if Sustainable Woodstock working on this

Support for the Youth Summit (3/22) – Jackie Fischer

Reported on progress. Looks like will have 20 adults, 20 students; expect three themes/action areas to emerge (1) youth employment, internships, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, (2) creative activities outside of school with local arts organizations, (3) countering violence (such as bullying).

Action Item: Jackie and Neil to organize effort to provide food for Youth Summit

Support for Other organizations

Discussed requests from several organizations (Dismas House, The Haven) and decided to ask Board to support: (1) New Tab on North Chapel Website entitled Alliances, Partnerships, (2) under tab would provide short description of organizations and their work and link to their websites, (3) organizations can submit requests for short term help (e.g. job opportunities for Job Bank, help with warming shelter for homeless for Upper Valley Haven), and (4) once a month invite individuals from some organizations to make 5 minute presentations during Sunday service on the organization and their individual journey to their current position.

Action Item: Anne and Richard to work on proposal to Board (see above)

SJA Committee Leadership

Co-Chair Rhoda Moore moving to Florida

Action Item: Akankha and Richard to see if she can come to a Sunday service before leaving so could light a candle of gratitude and invite folks to wish her well during coffee hour.

Co-Chair Richard to step down after June. May still remain on the committee

Action Item: Neil to ask nominating committee to search for Chair or co-chairs for SJA Committee

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