

Social Justice Action Meeting 11 4 14

Attending: Anne Marenillo, Linda Galvao, Akankha Perkins, Richard Schramm, Peter Rousmaniere.

### **Food shelf**

Peter: our initiative in food justice needs to be refocused into a viable project. What could and should we do?

Anne: word that there was not enough food. Linda: her experience with the food shelf: the Woodstock Food Shelf provides some fresh goods, more than do other food shelves in the area. People are grateful for the food shelf here. The other food shelves need more help. Anne: the goal is to find the best place to be of help.

Change the World Kids are doing a lot with the root cellar. They are suggesting that anyone with fresh food that can be put into the cellar to give it. Anne Dean provides food for the food shelf. Linda: the food shelf does get fresh food from local growers. Richard: who has been giving our donations of food to the food shelf? Anne Wynia does that. How much food? During the meeting, some one found that was about three bags of goods monthly.

Richard: we should consider giving food to other shelves. Wendy: the local needs have gone up. 120 people used the food shelf for Thanksgiving. The other churches give to the food shelf.

(After the meeting, Wendy researched and informed me that the North Chapel church contributes \$1080 last Thanksgiving. That is \$36 times 30 families of four supported, for a total of 120 people. An additional 145 families were supported by the synagogue, Episcopal, catholic and congregational churches and individuals. In total, 175 families participated.

Wendy had talked with the volunteer coordinator, and talked with Pru. Wendy gets a sense that they are meeting needs but that they do not have a lot extra. Who can assess the Haven vs Woodstock? Linda has knowledge that others are not getting enough food.

Anne: however we can support getting food to those who need it, we should do so. If we had the food, once a month, then we can find the drivers. She does there (Lebanon) often.

Linda: we need to listen to everyone who needs goods in the area, not just to look only at who is giving the food.

**Agreed to dos: Peter to visit the Bev Regan to discuss the need. Wendy will ask Anne about what we are giving,**

## **Environment**

Linda: a group, Climate March and Beyond, includes some North Chapel and Sustainable Woodstock people. The main focus is what Woodstock can do as a community to most effectively address climate change. Still a very rough group. But we made some progress, nothing solid as yet. Trying to bring in all groups to have an ongoing conversation. One thing: help Zack Ralph, the new coordinator for Sustainable Woodstock. Climate March and Beyond is coming up some ideas. Best to let the group to coalesce a bit more.

Richard: Daniel thinks that environmental issues are the most important: environment and the climate crisis. The planning committee wants to address environmental issues.

Proposals made – Anne: we could follow through with environmental issues in the February period following a reflection. Linda: Third proposal to have Daniel speak on climate change by end of December. Richard: Daniel gives a reflection and there is a follow up discussion in the parlor involving the coalition.

**Agreed to-dos: In March (no February) there will be a reflection by Daniel, followed by a meeting which brings in Climate March and Beyond, and perhaps other meetings in that month. Richard to discuss with worship committee. Linda to discuss with Climate March and Beyond.**