

Minutes – Social Justice Action Committee Meeting

January 13, 2014, North Chapel Library

In attendance: Anne Marinello, Rhoda Moore, Akankha Perkins, Neil Marinello, Vincent Gallucio, and Richard Schramm

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Review of Action items. All completed.

Report from the Board – Anne Marinello

- Board minutes will be posted on the North Chapel website after their approval. Password requirement have been dropped.
- Change the World Kids space – visited by several board members. CTWKs are working on safety issues (fire extinguishers, ladders, smoke alarm, fire drills, etc.), and Finance Committee has allocated money for ladders. Still question of meeting code and liability issues. Need to bring parents into the discussion.
- Will bring to the Board the matter of adding a tab on the website for “Alliances” like CTWKs, Sustainable Woodstock, Hand-in-Hand, Job Bank, OCP, etc. with note on our connections to the group and a link to their websites.

Website Update – Rhoda

SJA Committee information is now being handled well on the website. Suggested Alliance tab needed (see above).

Project Updates

- Rhoda and Richard to meet with Elizabeth Craib and Brooke Beard on January 16 to discuss how Job Bank and North Chapel can work together.
- Reducing Gun Violence (GunSense) update and action session held with Bob Williamson (30 attendees); Some North Chapel members attended a GunSense sponsored candle light service on the anniversary of the Newtown shootings on the Green.
- Youth Initiative focus on the February 2nd service (see below)

Social Justice Sunday Services in February and March

- Youth Service on February 2nd. Agreed to support in any way that we can (publicity) and encourage Jackie Fischer to include or acknowledge youth initiatives/programs besides mentoring. Action: Richard to e-mail Jackie about this.
- Workshop and service on Race, February 22-23. Organized by Denise Lyons. Janet Davis to provide workshop on 2/22 (for North Chapel and Louis Armstrong weekend) and to be part of the service.

- Workshop on Class and Privilege on March 15-16. Rita hardiman to provide workshop on 3/15; Peter Rousmaniere to do Sunday reflection on 2/16. Richard to help out.

Publicizing Events

We agreed to publicize the following events in the weeks to come:

- February 2nd Youth Service
- February 6th film, The Hungry Heart
Action: Anne Marinello to provide info about film.
- Wisdom to Survive film at Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph (Thursday, January 30, 2014, 6:30 food, 7:00 program)

Also agreed to work with Sustainable Woodstock to try to show the Wisdom to Survive film in Town Hall around Earth Day (4/22).

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