

**Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting  
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church  
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 6, 2009  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Michael Benefiel, Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Marge Dimond, Pam Gehrke, Karen Gozner, Nancy Janssen, Pat Karlsen, Connie Nissley, Annette Scarpitta, Kay [Cay] Scott, Sandy Shaw, Helen Strang, Becky White

**Proceedings:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Betsy Devlin-Foltz. After a reading by Betsy, the plans for the 1/9 & 10 workshop were reviewed:

Meals: Kay & Michael will make a salad for 50. All else arranged.

Dishwashing: All OK

Set-up/clean up: easels will need paper. We need at least six breakout rooms (have three).

Equipment: microphones and lighting need careful attention (note: Bob Pechacek replaced Warren Thompson who called out of town)

Greeting: will be organized by Karen. Ten registrants without emails will get reminder phone calls.

The final agenda and details for the break out groups were reviewed. SJC members should arrive by 4 pm on Friday. Everyone is encouraged to take photos throughout.

**Other Business:**

☉ Peacemaking Statement of Conscience: This topic was a recent and well-attended Forum session. The SJC voted unanimously (motion by Michael/seconded by Sandy) to recommend that CLUUC's Board of Trustees at its January meeting vote to bring forward the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience draft to the 2009 General Assembly for further discussion and agreed to work with other committees to provide Cedar Lane's representatives to GA with specific feedback on improvements to the text. (A 25% vote from all UU congregations is required by the UUA by Feb. 1, 2009 to forward the draft statement).

☉ International Concerns Committee: Annette reviewed plans for the Jan. 31 benefit dinner and auction for Kabultec (to improve Afghan women literacy).

☉ LGBT Task Force: Marge reviewed plans for the Feb. 2 lobby day bus to Annapolis; the transgender talk by Dana Beyer at the Jan. 8 Alliance luncheon; Jan. 18 Forum LGBT presentation; and the Feb. 1 CLUUC sermon on LGBT issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Janssen  
(draft updated as of 2/23/09)