

**Minutes for the Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting**  
**December 3, 2009 7:30 – 9:30 pm**  
**Cedar Lane Library**

**Present:** Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Sandy Shaw, Mike Burski, Nancy Janssen, Kay Gottesman, Becky White, Helen Strang, Kay Scott, Ann Suydam, Val Carter, Heather Janules. Anne Thompson, Pat Karlsen, Roger Fritts, Alice Wahl, Stephen Colgan

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting:** Roger read the opening words and lit the chalice.

**Covenant Reading:** Lines from the SJC Covenant were read by passing it around the room.

**Conversation with Roger about his sermon January 10 related to the SJC fair**

Many people provided Roger with ideas about social justice for him to use in preparing his sermon the day of the SJC fair on January 10.

**General SJC Business**

**Social Justice Fair and Commitment to Justice Campaign planning:** Betsy distributed --

1. Draft flyer to guide people to tables at the fair.
2. List of planning activities for the fair, including the group tables and their contacts.

People signed up with Betsy to work on planning activities.

The list of group tables and contacts is included at the end of these minutes.

The members agreed that there will be no general fundraising at the tables.

After the fair Cedar Lane members can sign up for activities at the SJC table and on the website.

**50/50 update:** Sandy provided the following schedule.

December 6 – Housing Unlimited, Inc.

December 24 – Shepherd’s Table

January – A Wider Circle

February – LGBT task force

March – CLARITY task force

April – Rebuilding Together

A recommendation was made to include the amount of money the congregation has contributed for various organizations in the newsletter.

**Debrief Cell Phone Tower table decision-making process:** The members agreed that for “emergency” decisions that cannot wait until the next monthly SJC meeting, email discussion is satisfactory.

**One-on-one update:** A few people noted that they had engaged in a meeting during the past month and the members were encouraged to continue this activity.

**Lounge Lizard box update:** Kay Scott has taken on the task of reviewing the box of handouts. She passed around a proposed reorganization of topics and their contents.

**Finances:** Connie is out of town, but reports no big developments on the finances.

**Requests for SJC Support**

**Israel-Palestine Adult Programs Course sponsorship:** After some discussion, the members agreed that there is not sufficient information to make a decision at this time.

**Provide refreshments/set-up help for January 16 concert to benefit Children’s Hospital:**

The members agreed that SJC would help set-up and provide refreshments. Helen will lead the organization of these activities.

**Other task force/committee/or issues that need an SJC decision:** Pat recommended that the SJC look into the issue of immigration sometime in the future.

**Closing:** Roger reread the opening words.

## Social Justice Fair tables and contacts

<b>Group</b>	<b>Contact</b>
UUSC	Kathleen Reedy
A Wider Circle	Anne Thompson
Makeyena Center/ Maasai Kenya	Annette Scarpitta
Friends of Chernobyl Centers US	Don Cleary
Partner Church Committee	Carole Bertaut
Kabultec	Kay Gottesman
Ethical Eating Study Group	Donna Runyon
Peacemaking	Mike Benefiel
Rebuilding Together	Mike Burski
Environmental Task Force	Char Brewer, Molly Hauck
Community Based Shelter	Sandy Shaw
Bethesda Men's Shelter	Sandy Shaw
Martha's Table	Karen Lerner
CLARITY	Lisa Chernikoff
LGBT Task Force	Marge Dimond , Stephen Colgan
AIM	Helen Strang
Manna Food	Stephen Colgan
Kensington Parkwood Tutoring	Ed Meyer
UUSJ	???
Criminal Justice	???
SJC Table	SJC members not at other tables
Housing Unlimited, Inc.	Kay Scott
Population	Alice Wahl
Beacon House	Sandy will follow up
Open Door	Pat will follow up
Washington Ear	Helen will follow up

## Announcements

**AIM** has scheduled an extended Strategy Team meeting for Thursday, Dec. 10 at CLUUC from 7:30- 9:00 pm. (The Strategy Team consists of 1 or 2 representatives from the most active member churches in AIM.)

Alisa will send out a draft agenda shortly but the AGENDA will include:

- Update and discussion of next steps on our **Anti-Usury Campaign, 10% is Enough**
- Update, evaluation and discussion of next steps of our **Higher Education** Action with Leggett
- Discussion on issues raised so far in our **immigration** house meetings

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