

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2018

Members and guests present: Robin Sales (Chair), Barbara Walker, Kathy Faller, Angela Fujii, Karen Reimus, Kay Byrnes, Liz Young, Irv Himmelblau, Christine Maciulla, Kay Bolden, Jim Hallinan, Molly Murphy, Linda Kavanagh, Kathy Nahman, Dana Frieauf, Christie Turner, Elaine Lewinnek, Julia Darling, Camila Gomez, Norma Showalter, Wenda Alvarez, Rev. Meghan Cefalu.

NEXT MEETING-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 12:30 PM IN FOUNDERS HALL

Thanks to Barbara Walker for being Secretary for this meeting

The following are either live or written reports:

Backpack Project-Liz

The project ran for 10 weeks and we had more volunteers helping this year. Over 100 backpacks collected and will be packed next week. UUFSD members and friends were very generous with monetary donations. Will be distributed to the CRC, Casas de Luz, Encinitas Union School District, and Stand Up for Kids.

Casas de Luz-Kathy Faller

- In May, CDL built 100th home. Opened 3rd community center.
- Needs help with work parties at storage sheds at St. James. First Saturday of the month. Recycling with a purpose.
- Hope to build at least 2 homes per month in the coming year.

Environmental Justice-written report from Debbie Hecht

- Installed solar panels on FH roof
- Divested from Wells Fargo

Food Bank (CRC)-written report

- Food bank attendance low; UUFSD had 9 members last month. Meet at Food Bank first Thursday at 6 pm. Must register. Contact sara@saraohara.com

Food Drive-Kay Byrnes and Christine Maciulla

- Reported on CRC Food Pantry-every Thursday from 10-12:30
- Diapers needed, need people to help with tax forms
- Annual UUFSD Food Drive in October-date tbd

Gun Violence Prevention-written report

- UUFSD passed GVP resolution
- Concert Across America-Sept. 23rd
- Gun Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds going to be voted on by the Agricultural Board in Sept. #Never Again

Immigration/Homelessness-Irv Himmelblau

- UUFSD to co-host Interfaith Rotational Shelter at St. James Catholic Community from Jan. 13-20, 2019
- Will start recruiting cooking teams and chaperones in November. Mary Anne and Paul Trause to coordinate

- Kathy Faller is trainer for Know Your Rights and will be doing a training here on Sept. 23rd (sponsored by ACLU)
- Irv is distributing Know Your Rights cards Saturdays at 7:30 am at Days Inn, Home Depot, Rite Aid
- Distributing hygiene items at CRC and at Fill-a-Belly dinners
- Fill-A-Belly dinner on 8/28 and 11/27 at Cottonwood Creek Park in Encinitas
- Holiday Basket will be coordinated by Norma Showalter. She will get date for UUFSD participation and will recruit volunteers

Indivisible Patriots-Karen Reimus

- Sept. 9 –League of Women Voters voter registration training after 2nd service
- Sept 16 & 23 Pledge to Vote on the patio
- Oct 14-Candidate Forum for 49th Congressional District, Levin and Harkey invited
- Every first Sunday-on patio

LGBTQ-Liz Young

- Pride by the Beach in Oceanside-Oct 13. Needs volunteers to staff table and coordinate
- SJA funded two baskets for event
- Work with LGBTQ Center in Oceanside

Mental Health-Wenda Alvarez

- Goal is to increase awareness of mental health issues
- Had NAMI in May for mental health awareness month-In Your Own Voice
- Self-sustaining

Racial Justice-Julia Darling and Robin Sales

- Beloved Conversations scheduled for January-March 2019
- *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo-All Fellowship read Oct-November
- Julia and Robin attending North County NAACP meetings

Generosity Sunday-Kay Byrnes

3 new charities:

- Stand Up For Kids-social and emotional wellbeing for homeless teens
- Environmental Health Coalition-addressing how environment affects low income residents
- Syrian Community Network-driver's education program for women,1:1 tutoring

New Programs

- Kristie Turner researched *Thread* program to support at risk high school kids. She would like to have a brainstorming session at her house. There is a TED talk and book she can recommend
- Angela Fujii spoke about the *Solace* program which is based out of First Church. Visits male and female detainees at Otay Detention Center. Visits are once weekly. Program on hold now due to ICE
- Liz Young spoke about North County Justice Allies and involvement with the Safe Harbor program. Hosts are needed to help asylum seekers with housing, rides, other services

2018-19 BUDGET
August 2018 Status Report

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Homeless Project Allocation:	\$1000.00
Beloved Conversations Allocation:	\$2000.00
Immigration Reform & Education Allocation:	\$ 550.00
Environmental Justice Allocation:	\$ 500.00
Casas De Luz Allocation:	\$ 500.00
Gun Violence Prevention Allocation:	\$ 500.00
LGBTQ Allocation:	\$ 325.00
CRC Food Drive	\$ 50.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$5425.00

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Human Rights/Beloved Conversations	\$ 460.00
Backpack Project:	\$ 213.23
Homeless Project	\$ 2400.00
Scholarship Program	\$ 626.00

ONGOING SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

At our quarterly meeting of the Social Justice Committee, we realized that there are so many exciting projects going on that it could be useful to have a calendar listing ways to get involved in social justice initiatives at UUFSD. Here is a list of events coming up in the fall and beyond, as well as social justice initiatives you can get involved in on your own time. Thanks to Elaine Lewinnek for compiling volunteer options.

Weekly SJA Actions:

Every Thursday: 10:30-12:30, Encinitas Community Resource Center, Food Pantry (on 2nd Street, Encinitas). For details, contact Christine Maciulla at: cmaciulla@att.net.

Bi-Weekly SJA Actions

First & Third Saturdays: 10am-Noon, Casas de Luz, sort donations at St James Church, Solana Beach. For details contact Kathy Faller at: faller.kathy@gmail.com

Monthly SJA Actions

First Thursday: 6pm - 8 pm, San Diego Food Bank, help pack groceries for the San Diego Food Bank. For details contact Sara Ohara at: sara@saraohara.com.

Quarterly SJA Actions

Dates Vary: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm, Homeless Fill A Belly Dinner. Prepare, serve and eat with homeless persons at Cottonwood Creek Park, Encinitas. For details contact Tiffany Fox at: tiffanymfox@gmail.com

More social justice tasks to do on your own time:

- Contact your elected representatives, following the UUFSD Indivisible ideas in our weekly newsletter. Stop by the Indivisible Table after Sunday services for postcards, scripts, and more, or reach out to Karen Reimus, reimus1@aol.com.
- Withdraw your finances from Wells Fargo (contact the Finance Committee)
- Knit scarves and caps for CRC holiday drive, with Betsy Gilpin, betsygilpin01@gmail.com
- Gather hygiene items, diapers, pasta sauce, and other items needed for the CRC drive every Sunday
- Invite 501(c)3 organizations with which you are involved to apply for Generosity Sunday. There is more information at <http://uufsd.org/service-projects/generosity-sundays/>
- Reach out to Irv Himelbrau, ihimelbrau@yahoo.com, who is seeking a co-coordinator to help distribute snacks and information about rights to day laborers in Encinitas

