



Saint Mark's Cathedral

JUSTICE MINISTRIES COORDINATING TEAM MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2019

6:30 – 9:00pm

Location: THE CLOUD

Present: Betsy Bell, Brett Bowton-Meade, Libby Carr, Micah Kurtz, Dale Largent, Justin Mills, Nancy Ross, Carolyn White and Barbara Erickson.

Not Present: Emily Austin, Christopher Breunig, Karen Knudson, Julia Logan, Kari Nasby, Susan Ratner, Tom Sunderland, Steve Thomason, and David Wagner.

Opening Prayer

Betsy opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:34 PM.

Review Previous Minutes

The minutes of the April 14 meeting were approved as published.

ACTION: Barbara will send out the meeting minutes prior to the Zoom meeting as a refresher.

COVID-19 Response

We discussed the various ways we could help. The following were offered:

- The Cathedral's use of Zoom, Facebook and livestreaming to keep the parish connected, informed, and broadens our knowledge of those in our parish. And this group is generating a lot of good activity and energy.
- Donation to the Big Give are happening on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 & 6.
- Brett will send information about his friend's business – Remote Customer Service – a work from home call center agency, www.directinteractions.com who is looking for workers. Bret sent an email to the JMCT members with details. Other places you might be able to help are with Pastor Carey at 1st AME Church – offering pick up services for food or prescriptions; drive-by the Urban League is addressing food needs for students and those in need. Micah provided a status on Sue Ratner. She was attending St. Columbia but Micah has not seen her at their online service.
- Olivier Santos, omsantos206@gmail.com needs cloth masks for his job employment counseling at the Y. His clients need masks for their job interviews. If anyone can make masks, touch bases with Olivier. Brett's call center opportunity maybe useful to Olivier.

Creation Care

Carolyn reported that Part 1 of the two-part Drawdown series had 25 (per Marjorie) listeners of which a third were Creation Care members. Part 2 is scheduled for next Monday, May 11 at 7pm via Zoom. Carolyn's take-away from last night's meeting – Ecoasia, a search engine that uses ad revenue to plant a tree for each search you do. Visit: <https://www.ecosia.org/>.

She also mentioned Cool Climate Calculator <https://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/calculator>, as an alternative to Carbon Footprint Calculator that the Diocese of Olympia recommends, which might be much easier to use but you lose some functionality.

Non-partisan Voter Registration

Justin has not received the registration forms yet; we discussed the need for absentee voting and the timeliness issue for other states to get ready for November. Betsy also recommends Common Purpose – <https://commonpurposenow.org/wawork> as another site to write letters along with Vote Forward. Comprehensive report on NPR about this issue. There maybe issues also with the Post Office being closed by this current administration.

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Betsy expressed disappointment that the Vestry decided not to move forward with the Listening Process request but there is good news in that the Cathedral would issue a press release supporting the abolition of nuclear weapons, on Cathedral letterhead. The Vestry hopes that when there is a specific action or endorsement needed, this might be brought before the Vestry for a possible Listening Process.

Hunger & Homeless Advocacy

Carolyn is pursuing the possibility of a Zoom meeting with Safe Harbor Tiny Homes Project once she can establish contact with someone there. New initiatives may present themselves as we move through this pandemic.

How can we as a team promote Justice?

- The Hiroshima to Hope event at Green Lake, August 6, will not occur this year. Betsy talked about the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and the importance of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Betsy will be asking the Dean to sign a letter supporting the 75th anniversary. A letter was also sent to the Bishop who will place this on the agenda for the Diocesan Council to consider signing the position statement.
- The homelessness issue will become prominent as the COVID-19 continues and more and more people are impacted. Reach out to the City Council or King County Council to see what actions are being taken to help those who do not have or have lost their housing.

Closing Prayer

Dale gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Erickson

Justice Ministries Mission Statement

- To engage the St. Mark's community in justice issues
- To acknowledge and address our own complicity in injustice
- To serve and support those who are in need
- To advocate for peace and economic justice
- To pursue sustainability and ecological justice

- To partner with other congregations and organizations serving and providing opportunities to those in need
- To celebrate the opportunity to serve

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