

Wy'east Social Justice Committee Meeting Report

Next meeting Oct 5 2024

Following meetings will be the second Saturday of the month at 2pm

Wy'east Social Justice Committee Meeting 10/12/24 (last meeting was 09/14/2024)

Present via Zoom: Emé Alter, Kathy Scanlan, Jan Hively, Jeff Showell,

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Wy'east mission: We are an open religious community for people of all ages. We gather for renewal and fellowship. Our spiritual search is joyful, compassionate, and curious. Together we strive to bend the world towards love, truth, and justice.

Committee Mission: The Wy'east Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Committee mobilizes support for service and social justice work through financial gifts and spiritual education

Agenda Item	Notes
Realistic Participation	• Everybody is doing OK with their bandwidth. Many thanks to GiGi for patient tech assistance. Jeff is our new ZOOM guy! Perfect! We still miss Chandra though.
Sustained Partnerships	• Rahab's Sisters : Still chugging along. They are doing some new hiring. Kathy will continue to send out volunteer opportunities to Wy'East CHAT. (working in the kitchen is tiring but fun!) Kathy will see if they have a description sheet of duties and a schedule for orientation . We intend to have them for a Decmeber fundraiser. We remain open to other organizations for future Sustained Partnerships. Blueprint Foundation is under consideration and looks positive. Pending communications from them.(MA)

	• Social Justice Partnerships folder
Speakers/ Collections	• June : Blueprint Foundation (SC) completed • July: Citizens Utility Board (Speaker and SC) completed • August: Trash for Peace Proposed (SC) (MA, proposed by Jeff) completed • Sept :PAW (Portland Animal Welfare) for SC (Kathy) ,Blueprint Foundation Proposed for a Speaker (Kathy/MA) completed • October 20: IMIRJ for speaker and SC (MA) • November 17 : With Love SC (MA) • December: SC Rahab's. Speaker as yet unnamed
2023/2024 Focus Climate Emergency	(Climate Emergency) We note this is an Umbrella Topic and want to emphasize we will attempt to find organizations that provide action, caring and resilience . New focus begins in SEPTEMBER
2024/2025 Proposed new Focus	Beloved Community suggested by Jeff and heartily and approved by all . Officially this begins in September Approved unanimously by the board. See link above to 2024/2025 brainstorm list
Other Items?	
Action Items	Jeff: Check out possible THIRD EYE connections Emé: Awaiting possible info from BLUEPRINT Send the group a piece about an Evergreen State Instructor re Incarcerated Kathy: Send notes to SJC, Worship Committee and Board. Send out volunteer opportunities from Rahab's and find a document that outlines the responsibilities. Fix S SJC calendar if needed . Send video to GiGi for WITH LOVE Jan: contact Anne Wagner re in person serving at Lilac Meadows; Contact Bridge

	Meadows for possible speaker Chandra: Email a draft version of GOOGLE DRIVE to everyone Feed Babies All: Should we think about a way to get out the word that additional hands would be welcome on the SJC? We can all check out the orgs below On the Move Positive Change Snowcap Portland Refugee Friends of Noise Youthpdx.org Oregon Wild Email Kathy /Jeff any further suggestions for “Beloved Community” focus 2024/2025 Should be 501c3 orgs.
Next Meeting	Nov 09 All will facilitate and Kathy will take notes . Jeff is our ZOOM master
Parked Items	

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