

Social Justice Meeting April 11, 2022 Minutes

Attendees:

Judy Stevens; Ann Sherwood; Laurie Shelton-Papar; Eva Parpar; Gerry Mogan; Pat Miller; Vanessa Merhi; Tony Giordano; Irene Gibson; Missy Falkenberg; Catherine Eckert; Teri Bates

Approval of Minutes: March Minutes unanimously approved.

Auction item update - A new idea has been proposed to offer an event at the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center in Red Bank which would include a Self Guided tour and a picnic snack at the Center as well. Everyone loved the idea. We are going to proceed with this plan.

Film screening of "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America" - It was decided this would be a better fit for summer or fall (\$250 for 100 people).

Community Conversation - It was a very worthwhile discussion. UUCMC was a sponsor and had good representation and we made a donation to support warming stations.

Earth Day service at UUCMC 4/24 - There will be several speakers, good music and a great program. Hoping for a good turn out. We will also sponsor "coffee hour."

Deep in Color/Voices of Black Experience 4/24 Zoom mtg at 7pm - Discussion around Forbes article. The meeting link and registration will be in the eblast. Here is the link to the Forbes article:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ginnywhitelaw/2021/11/01/how-leaders-can-do-the-essential-work-of-our-time-rescue-their-companies-and-revitalize-themselves/>

Interim Congregational Meeting 5/1 - The meeting will be in person and on zoom. It is also the one year anniversary of UUCMC adopting the 8th Principle.

Pride celebration in Asbury Park 6/5 (planning starts soon!) - In the past 15 - 30 folks from UUCMC have participated in the parade and festival. We will have a table again this year. Nicole is looking into getting a new banner dedicated to this event. The walk is in Asbury Park starting in front of the train station going to Sunset Ave where the festival is. Need volunteers for the table representation - 2-3 at a time, for a total of approx 6 people. Judy Stevens is coordinating on behalf of UUCMC.

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Samuel “Mingo Jack” Johnson 6/18 - The ceremony will be in Wampum Park in Eatontown. There will be a more prominent marker in commemoration.

Grants available in Monmouth County through Impact 100 - Missy Falkenberg updated the group about this initiative which provides funding raised by contributions from its female membership. Learn more about this group and grant recipients at the following website: <https://impact100jerseycoast.org/>

“In the Know” Newsletter and Website - Updating is needed. Eva and Laurie will be helping Nicole. Approx 50 people accessed the newsletter last month. Rev Craig has given a shout out about the newsletter from the pulpit which helps motivate viewership.

UUFaith Action Annual Meeting 5/14 - This is a good time to join. There are opportunities to lead task forces. UUFANJ has task forces on reproductive rights, immigration, gun legislation, environmental justice reform, reparations, and more. Meetings are monthly, and focus on legislative changes in New Jersey.

Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Next meeting: May 9th at 7:00 pm

Zoom info:

<https://zoom.us/j/98413956181?pwd=ZjV5WDgzV28yRVdMNm4xMDVjUUpQdz09>

Dial in: 1 929 205 6099

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