

Earth & Social Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
East Shore UU Church
March 21, 2016

Present: Ann Fletcher, Jenny Hall, Dick Jacke, Marilyn Mayers, Susan Morrisson, Lynn Roesch, Laurie Wick, Court Olsen, Jason Puracal,

Lynn facilitated the meeting; Laurie took notes. **There are several items in bold that need action.**

Marilyn opened with a reading by Michael Lerner from *Tikkun*.

A brief check-in followed.

For Jason's check-in, he asked us to go through the **ESJ baskets** in the South Room to make sure they are current, cleaned up and being used. Otherwise, they should be removed. We agreed to contact the chairs or check on the baskets as follows:

Ann: ANSWER, Grounds, P-Patch

Dick: CFH, Giving Tree, 2nd Sunday, Gun Responsibility, Outreach (?)

Marilyn/Lynn: USCC

Lynn/Jenny/Marilyn: Peace

Court: CAM

No-one signed up to check with the following about their baskets: Earth-based, Endowment, Partner churches. If any on the Council know the chairs of these groups, please contact them yourself or let me (Laurie) know and I will do it.

Jason also told us about a new project for East Shore. We will be providing an opportunity for members to join a new CSA called **Farmigo**. There will be informational sessions about this on Sunday April 10 at 11:30 and Tuesday April 12 at 7:00pm. The first CSA order will go in April 17 with pick up on April 20.

ESJCC contact people. Marilyn will continue to serve as the Council liaison on the Board. Jenny and Ann will serve as the Council contact people with the staff.

Lynn reported that the March 2nd Sunday for **Barakat** brought in a record \$3002!

Susan reported that the March 20 Interfaith **Standing Together** event was well attended with almost 200 people, although only two from East Shore. The next one is scheduled for April 24, 4-6:00pm at Temple de Hirsh in Bellevue.

Laurie, Susan, Marilyn and a few others from East Shore also attended the Bellevue City **'Conversations'** panel discussion at City Hall on Wednesday March 16. This

was an excellent opportunity for many to learn more about the Muslim culture and their experience living in Bellevue. The room was packed.

May 15 ESJ Celebration

This event will be in Spring Hall, right after the service. (update: this event may coincide with the regular service. We will get in touch with Rev. Elaine to talk about this possibility) Laurie will find out who is doing Coffee Hour so we can coordinate food with them, including a cake that Dick will pick up from Costco. Laurie will also find out if the room can be set up prior to 11:00 (Answer: NO) and confirm that there is no Reflection Hour planned that day. Added note: It is not the Coming of Age service as we had thought. That service has been moved to June 12. Rev. Elaine will be doing the service on May 15.

Ann will prepare an invitation to the MTs. It will include asking them to give a short (one minute or so) update on the highlights of their year. What are they most proud of? How many people did they serve or how much money raised? What do they need? They can pull this information from their Annual report, which is a requirement this year. They can send up to 10 photos or slides to Jenny for possible inclusion in our slide show. Jenny will look for the slide show we had prepared for last year to see if she can get it to work this time and add any new ones.

The Council will then follow up to each of the MT we have been assigned to for a personal invitation. Ann will take the information from the invitation and tweak it to create a blurb for the May Beacon (deadline April 15). We will then use this for our further PR for the event in the Blast, O of S and on Facebook. **(assign this at our next meeting)**

Dick will invite Rev. Elaine and suggest she may want to speak for a few minutes. Her choice.

The room will be set up with semi circles of chairs facing the podium and screen. How many? **Who will arrange this with Dianne?**

In Louise's absence, we nominated her to be MC for this event. **We are hoping she can accept.**

After the MTs have had a chance to talk, we will pass around cards that say something like:

The ESJ MT that I am possibly interested in joining or at least finding more about is _____ . Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Each person can take more than one card and we will also have a stack of cards available by the basket we will use to collect them. These cards can then be passed out to each MT chair. **(Do we want to collect this info first?)**

Who will create these cards?

To make this more of a celebration, we would like to give everyone in the room a very small gift. Susan had a great example of one she just received at the ***Standing Together*** meeting. A candle with an inspiring quote attached. We could do the exact same thing. Or it could be a small flower or Hersheys chocolate. Question was should this just go to the chairs or to anyone who is on a current MT? Consensus seemed to be give to all who serve on a ESJMT. **(Who will take on this project?)**

Ministry Team Conversations and History

We will each write up a summary, using our Talking Points. **One of us (?)** will then put them together into a packet and ask Nicole to post them on our website.

Also each meeting note-taker will send Nicole the final copy of that month's minutes.

February 22 Friendship Dinner:

Very successful and meaningful event. We want to keep the momentum going.

Follow-ups:

-meet with MCRC from MAPS to discuss possible partnering on supporting Syrian refugees. April 21, evening

-June 16-Ramadan event to break the fast, possibly at Northlake UU

-July 24-Friendship picnic at South Lake Sammamish Beach Park, tentative.

Economic Justice is focusing on getting signatures on the Petitions for increasing the minimum wage.

CAM is focusing on their April 10 service and symposium.

April 2 is the second **Restorative Justice** workshop. Seven from ES are attending.

April 3 is the **Dialogue on Juvenile Detention**. In Louise's absence, Jeanne Lamont is acting as point person.

April 24 @ 1:30 there will be a **UUVoices virtual meeting** at East Shore on the legislative update from this session and their next focus.

Closing:

Marilyn closed with another quote from Michael Lerner in *Tikkun*.

Next meeting: April 18, 7:00, ESUC Library. Susan will facilitate; Court will take notes and Ann will do the readings.

See next page for new agenda items.

For our next agenda for April 18 meeting:

Finalize plans and publicity for the May 15 celebration

Annual Report: **Who is writing it for ESJCC?**

Go over this year's **ESJ budget** from Jason and decide if we want to suggest changes. Time sensitive item.

Socially Responsible Endowment Funds. Was anyone able to attend the last Endowment meeting?

Process for New Members to ESJCC:

We agreed to table for next time discussion around developing a process for new members to the council.

Ministry Team conversations/talking points

How many are done and who will volunteer to compile them all in a packet to send to Nicole?

Discussion around Leadership Training for New ESJ Chairs:

We talked a bit about arranging leadership training for new chairs. Dick and Ann both mentioned that they have some good materials from previous trainings with Joan. Dick agreed to email these training materials on to other Council members for our review.

ESJCC presence on Church Website:

We hope we can develop a separate ESJCC calendar for the ESUC website linked to our page. Another idea would be to have a color-coded calendar of all East Shore events. ESJ activities in this case might be color-coded differently from other types of events. Lynn said she would talk with Nicole about different possibilities. We also noted that photographs of events will be important to obtain for the website.