

Earth Social Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017

Present: Laurie Wick, Marilyn Mayers, Lynn Roesch, Dick Jacke, Louise Wilkinson, Susan Morrisson, Ann Fletcher, Jenny Hall, Elaine Perasluha

Check-in: We had a discussion about what check-ins should be about. Marilyn, Lynn & Laurie found inspiration in all of us sharing our SJ experiences over the past few weeks and looking ahead. Dick reminded us that check-ins are supposed to be about how we are feeling/doing, which might impact our ability to be fully present at the meeting.

Reading: Susan read from Wild Comfort by Kathleen Moore.

Email etiquette: only send out the draft of minutes to people who were at the meeting, the final minutes can go to all members. Notetaker will send the final version to Nicole for her to put on the website. Email info should not be included in the meeting minutes. It is OK to put extra stuff in the agenda, but not in the minutes, which are official and open to the public.

Special request: We had an executive session with Elaine.

Compare ESJCC Charter & ESJ job description Elaine is the ESJ supervisor, not us. She is going to spend more time connecting with the Council, so we are clear who is expected to do what. It was too murky this year. What do Operations need from this position? What are the priorities and preferences that assure this position best serves the ESJCC?

Budget requests-Jason needs to know any income producing events/activities and any specific expenses. Instead of just asking for \$500, he wants to know what it is for. We recommended that FAN, UUSJ, UUVoices, UUSC each get \$1/member for donations. (\$500/each) After the Right Relationship training in planning stages, the Board is planning a Leadership training for the whole church,. Neither of these would be funded out of ESJCC funds. Louise reminded us that we wanted a specific leadership training for emerging ESJ leaders. Susan suggested we could we use FAN's free SJ Leadership training.

Promoting progressive groups/causes. Elaine agrees that legally we can promote a group that supports our values. We could put a page on our website that communicates ways to be most effective politically. Yes! We could have a Social Justice 'moment' in each service. Yes! Elaine suggested that we have a Social Justice table in back of Sanctuary for petitions, postcards, sign up sheets, flyers etc. Yes! Let's plan this asap.

Review past and future events

Past:

-***Now is the Time*** movie-low attendance, 18. Actually, in many ways it feels like now is NOT the time

ERIC meeting, Feb. 28. Marilyn will keep us informed.

***Indivisible-Eastside (WA) meeting**, March 5-went very well. Over 100 people came, about 15-20 from East Shore and this was NOT publicized much at all via ES channels. Indivisible members were very impressed with ES. Four signed up to receive emails from us and also said they planned to attend services. Besides being a wonderful source of potential new members, this partnership has the potential of helping ES members find more effective ways to become activists.

Native American class-went well with between 8-20 participants each time. They will follow up with a book group and/or field trip soon.

Future:

The next **Indivisible meeting** at ES will be June 11, from 3-5:30, and it will be publicized more to the church members. There are monthly meetings of this group. April's is in Woodinville and May's at the Bellevue Library. East Shore may be a consistent venue for them in the future. People can sign up to receive their action alerts either by going to their Facebook page or signing up online. <http://indivisibleeastside.com/>

Beloved Conversation groups are starting up. Elaine & Rhonda leading one, Louise and Aisha leading another, at different times of the day. The all-cohort retreat for these new groups is March 31-April 1.

April 9 **sign making party** at ES to prepare for upcoming marches on April 15, 22 and 29.

Friendship Dinner March 25- The Council voted to fund childcare and supplies, up to \$350. Many volunteers are needed. Contact Marilyn to let her know how you can help.

Worship service about Resist? Louise will check with Worship about a possible date. Update: April 30, May 7 & 14 are available. We need to speak with Elaine about this.

Retreat. Ann will do a Doodle poll for dates this summer.

Closing: Susan reminded us to be patient.

For the next agenda:

March 20-next meeting 7:00pm

Facilitator-Dick, Notetaker-Marilyn, Inspiration-Ann

-Update on Friendship dinner needs, Beloved Conversations, sign making party, retreat, next Indivisible meeting.

-ESJCC would like to have both a Worship person and RE person on the Council. Ideas?

-Worship service about Resist. Is it happening?

-We all should review the current edition of the ESJ Coordinator job description, but perhaps should wait to spend much time on it until we know for sure we will have an ESJ Coordinator next year.

-Sanctuary church. Congregation may have to vote on it. It is a huge undertaking, but we can at least educate the congregation. Marilyn and Lynn are going to a workshop about this at UUUC on March 12 and will keep us informed.