

Justice League Meeting Notes 12/10/17

*ACTING TO EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY TO CHALLENGE THE CONDITIONS
THAT CREATE INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE*

Members:

- Marjorie Bedzek
- Melissa Bishop Co-Chair
- Timothy Bishop
- Carol Foster
- Jann Halloran*
- Clark Huff
- Vivian Littlefield*
- Harriet Lubchenco
- Dick Lubchenco*
- Isaac McCorkle
- Maurice Murray*
- Kim Murray Co-Chair*
- Deena Rowe
- Janet Stevens

*Members present

Worship: Kim lit the chalice with a reading. Dick shared a spiritual practice by Tara Brach, "Mindfulness Meditation." Jann closed with a prayer.

Group reflection: We had a robust meeting even though attendance was light. We discussed the message from Aurora Warms the Night speaker from the service. Maurice shared a reflection on homelessness. Jann encouraged the Justice League to lead by becoming active in volunteer roles, not just giving money. We will have the opportunity to do this during our next Service Sunday on January 28.

Interfaith Alliance Report: Dick attended a recent meeting and reported that the meeting was good; Kenny was a presenter. An important take-away was that "racist people create racist institutions. We need to focus on changing racist institutions." A source for the presentations was the book, *All the Rage*.

Justice League Common Read: Please come prepared to the next meeting with any suggestions for a common read for the committee. You will have the opportunity to tell us about your suggestion and then we will vote. There are already some good contenders under "Suggested reading." We will read our choice over the next couple of months and have an in-depth discussion.



Action Planning

- **Involving youth in justice activities:** There is a strong desire to engage the youth of Prairie in justice activities. There have been efforts to involve youth by Joe and Susan E. The focus on animals was a suggestion of the youth. It is important to communicate that we listened to the youth suggestion and want to involve them more. It was suggested that we have a youth representative on the Justice League committee, add content to their classes, and have a lead person from our group to work with the youth. Maurice and Timothy were suggested. Kim agreed to reach out to the youth and encourage their involvement and ask for suggestions about a representative from their group.
- **ICI follow-up meeting on Saturday, December 16, 2017:** Several members of Prairie are planning to attend a meeting at Jefferson UU in Golden on the 16th of December. This is a follow-up to an earlier meeting, but folks can attend this meeting even if they did not attend the first. Registration is required (Kim sent link). Kim encouraged members to attend so that Prairie has strong representation.

- **Voter Registration/Suppression:** We still hope for a class on the topic will be offered in a future learning hour, to be led by Isaac and friend. Additionally, Vivian will follow up with the League of Women Voters on their efforts to prevent voter suppression and perhaps invite them to present to us in the Spring.
- **Suggested viewing**
 - “Coco,” in theaters now – take the kids – or not!
 - YouTube video on suicide (Note: link sent in email)
 - “13th” now available on Netflix
 - “Whose Streets” (Note: see Melissa’s email on this)
- **Suggested Reading**
 - “All the Rage,” Courtney Summers
 - “Policing the Black Man,” ed. Angela Davis
 - “Citizen, An American Lyric,” Claudia Rankine (Note: Kim to send email on this)
 - “Humiliation and hostility: A riot lives on,” Elaine McArdle and Kenny Wiley, <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/humiliation-hostility-riot-lives>
- **Suggested Attendance (ask Kim for details)**
 - Racial Justice Film Series, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” 12/18
 - Open Space Clean Up 1/7
 - MLK Parade 1/15
 - “Whose Bias is It Anyway” (2-part workshop on disrupting racial bias) 1/16 and 1/23
 - Women’s March 1/20
 - Habitat Interfaith Alliance soup cookoff 2/17

Miscellaneous Updates

- **Update on Mission/Vision Statement:** Kim presented our mission to the Board of Directors on 12/13 and they unanimously approved. We have their blessing!
- **Update on Sanctuary Coalition:** Harriet presented to the Board of Directors on 12/13 and asked that they formally include our request to join the Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition at the Congregational Meeting in January. They voted unanimously to add us to the agenda! Our job between now and then is to educate ourselves about the Coalition and share our thoughts with fellow members. Please, pause in your festivities and visit metrodenversanctuary.org at your earliest convenience!
- **Update on Sick Leave Survey:** This has been postponed.



NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 14, 2017 MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE