

Minutes from May 1, 2014 Meeting of EPF of Ithaca Area

Frank Baldwin opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Ithaca Prisoners Justice Network:
 - a. Joey Cardamone announced a march and lobby day in Albany by New York Against Prison Injustice on May 5th. Cornell West is the keynote speaker. Looking for folks to go to the rally.
 - b. Lawyers from Prisoners Legal Services spoke at the last meeting of the IPJN. Very hardworking and overworked dedicated young women.
 - c. Offering of letters in support of HALT bill is planned for Sunday May 4 at St. John's in Ithaca. Letters to state senators and state assembly person in our area have been prepared for parishioners to sign. The offering of letters will be later in the month at Epiphany in Trumansburg. Dates for St Thomas and St. Matthews have not been set. Nancy will send copies of letters to Frank and Blythe.
 - d. Joey gave out some information about the TC jail expansion by a group opposing the expansion.
2. Feast Day service for Frances Perkins, a Saint involved in social justice, May 13:
 - a. The format of the service will be evening prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. Attendees will be asked to read parts of the service to encourage participation. John Jackson will do the homily.
 - b. John Jackson will be contacted to coordinate this activity.
3. Palestine/Israel Network: Nancy reported that the video, "The Stones Cry Out," was shown at St. John's but only four people came to view it. It was suggested that another showing be considered. Help of Susie Backstrom was recommended. Nancy will follow up on this suggestion.
4. Iran Study – no report
5. Technology Update:
 - a. Mike Roman showed us the EPF page which is now active on the St. John's web site. We all agreed that it is fantastic and thanked Mike for spending the time and skill on this valuable task. Blessings upon Mike.
 - b. We are hoping other churches can link to our site.
6. Climate Change and Environment: no report. Wanda was hopeful that she would make the meeting but was not able.

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Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon