

## Minutes of EPF Meeting of September 25, 2017

**Attendees:** Mike Roman, Joey Cardamone, John Jackson, Blythe and Frank Baldwin, Nancy and Ed Siemon, , Linda Gaither, Cathy Lewis.

**Opening Prayer:** Early Evening Devotions in BCP, page 139.

### Summary of Last Fall (2016):

- completed draft of our prayer card.
- Joint study of Steadfast Hope with Catholic Workers
- parole event at St. John's with Judith Brink
- Wednesday evening prayer service launched featuring Holy Women
- December: CJP/JVP anti-Islamophobia event on Ithaca Commons
- Donation to Standing Rock Water Protectors (\$50); \$40 To Loaves & Fishes; \$50 to EPF national.

### Summary of Last Spring (2017):

- January: signed onto statement of purpose of support for mental health services rather than incarceration and opposition to TC jail expansion; participating in monthly vigil at TC library.
- April: Frank visited offices of senators and representative to discuss nuclear disarmament/ICAN treaty.
- May: Interfaith Offering of Letter for Bread for the World
- June: co-sponsors of Catholic Charities 19<sup>th</sup> annual religious and community leaders breakfast, "Solidarity with Refugees."
- Letter writing to representatives & senators in support of a bill to prevent president from unilaterally starting a nuclear war.

### Brief Summer Updates:

- Joey said the consultant for the TC jail determined that we don't need a larger jail.

### New Business

- Israel/ Palestine: Internet action letter will be coming out every other week on the email.
- Prayer card: Mike will look at most recent design and see if it can be printed in its present form or need to modify. Mike will email group the decision.
- Diocesan Convention: ~Nov. 9. **Linda would like the Bread for the World picture meeting at Presbyterian Church, picture of vigil at library against solitary confinement, frank will provide Linda with brochures about nuclear disarmament. Bring to next meeting.**
- web site: Mike asks for information to post
- John proposes that we try again to connect with the doers in local congregations by visiting churches and talking to folks in coffee hours with kit in hand. Key places are Horseheads, Elmira, Corning.

- Prison issues: prisoner express has a book group matching one inmate with one person outside to write letters about the book they are both reading. Decarcerate Tompkins group is floundering.
- Do we want to do another study with Catholic Workers:? response is positive. Cathy will contact Mary Ann Grady. There exists a toolkit from PIN of EPF and also a bulletin in electronic form from Bishop Curry.
- Nuclear proliferation: Frank will think on this of what to do next.

**Treasurer's report:** Nancy reported a balance of \$160.30 in checking.

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 23, MEET AT TC LIBRARY AT 4:45 (PICTURE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVENTION DISPLAY BOARD)**  
**(Blythe will look into getting a room at the library for us to meet so we don't have to spend time walking to St. John's.)**

**Adjourned by Linda at 6:30.**