

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes November 26,2018

Attendees: Joey Cardamone, Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Cathy Lewis, Blythe and Frank Baldwin

Opening Prayer: Blythe

Social Justice Minute:

- Blythe brought a news article stating that the killing of journalist Khashoggi is putting the issue of giving nuclear power materials to Saudi Arabia open to question.
- Linda brought news of unaccompanied migrant children being held in detention for long periods. Administration is making it difficult or impossible for these children to find homes.
- Frank: recent case in Chicago reveals police lie to protect each other in the killing of a black man.
- Nancy: recent killing of an innocent man by police in a mall shooting shows that more guns do not make people safer.
- Cathy: uplifting news that a band at a football game played the rival team's theme after rival's band was unable to play due to a bus accident.

Diocesan Convention: Linda reported that the prayer cards were a big hit. She suggested that we think about offering prayer cards through the Messenger Newsletter.

CJP/JVP:

- Saturday, December 8, there will be a Chanukah event on the commons at the band shell. JVP has a liturgy.
- Mother Megan and Rabbi Brian are still in process to arrange a panel discussion about Israel/Palestine.

Jail Visitation: No news.

Nuclear Disarmament: Frank, Ed and Nancy will be meeting with Mother Megan on Tuesday, December 4, to explain and hope she signs on her support.

Amnesty International: EPF and JVP will have a table at the Human Rights day event on December 1, 2-5 PM. At 615 West Green Street. They will be handing out free copies of Steadfast Hope book.

Prayers of the People: Blythe and Joey have a list of topics for the upcoming months:

- December: homelessness
- January: child abuse
- February: hunger
- March: gun control
- April: prisoners. Prayer: BCP #37, page 826
- May: Social Justice. Prayer: BCP #27, page 823
- June: addiction. Prayer: BCP #56, page 831

Letter Writing:

- Letters to NY state politicians may be useful since both houses in NYS are now Democratic.
- Find out who we should write. Start with prisoner justice; Joey will research the platform of prisoner issues.
- Another topic is single payer health insurance.
- Nuclear disarmament: California has expressed support for nuclear ban treaty.

Closing Prayer: from BCP.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 7, 2019, 5 PM. at. St. John's; in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon