

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes March 25 2019

Attendees: Joey Cardamone, Linda Gaither, Ed and Nancy Siemon, Blythe and Frank Baldwin, Mike Roman

Opening Prayer: Blythe

Social Justice Minute:

- Blythe reported that an Iranian woman lawyer who worked for human rights was sentenced to 38 years in prison and 148 lashes.

Nuclear Disarmament:

Frank reported on Ira Helfund's visit. His talk at St. John's was attended by 39 people. Cornell presentation had 15 people present, no students. Ed suggested that Ira have a handout of facts to help with letter writing. Blythe suggested that we have some facts available for letter writing of EPF. Frank will talk to Ira about it.

Update on EPF/PIN

- PIN is having an organizational retreat on strategies for the upcoming convention. They are interested in reaching Episcopal congregations, connecting with Bishop Currey, putting the resolutions passed last year at Convention in action.
- Discussion ensued about resolutions for prisoner justice and nuclear disarmament at convention. Frank will write a draft letter to Bishop Dede about nuclear disarmament. Linda will look at the Episcopal website for the format of resolutions.

Prayers of the People

April is about food security. Blythe read a prayer and everyone said it is good for use. Linda will send out info to Nancy.

CJP/JVP:

Mtr Megan and Rabbi Brian are planning a panel discussion on Wednesday, June 12 or Thursday, June 13. Stay tuned.

Prisoner Justice:

Joey will get some information on bail reform and have it at the next meeting for letter writing. Also for the HALT bill.

Misc.:

John Jackson sent word that a service in honor of Coretta Scott King is in the planning for possibly the end of April on a Wednesday evening.

Closing Prayer: We read a prayer together from BCP.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 29, 2019, 5 PM. at. St. John's; in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon