

EPF of Ithaca Area Minutes January 23, 2020

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

Opening Prayer Linda

Prisoner Justice:

- We met at 5:00 – 5:30 at the library and then proceeded to St. John's to have our monthly meeting of EPF.
- Director of Re-entry for Prisoners was signing a petition at the library and connected with Wayles Brown for tabling at Cornell to sign petitions. His group is looking for connections to local churches and also a meeting place for a gathering of people to help his group
- We decided that we will gather at the library on March 23 for petition signing. February we will meet at our usual last Monday of the month at St. John's.

Nuclear Disarmament:

- Nuclear Armageddon clock has moved closer to midnight due to tensions between US and Iran.
- Linda asked St. Thomas vestry to indorse Back from the Brink. They are considering the request.
- National Church supports de-nuclearization. Official Episcopal church supports US going back to negotiations with Iran. Statement on January 7, 2020.
- Frank wrote a letter to "Messenger." Linda advised that Frank write an op-ed and then write an article for the Messenger with a link to St. John's web site noting that four insititutions in Ithaca Area support Back from the Brink. Frank said he will submit an op-ed to Ithaca Journal.
- Code Pink/CJP/JVP/ EPF are co-sponsoring peace rally on Ithaca Commons on Saturday, January 25, 3:00 – 4:00.

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Annual Report of EPF, 2019:

Nancy will send her report to Mike Roman for web site. Linda will send pictures

Prayers of the People

No topic for March but I propose justice for women in view of March as Women's History month.

Treasury:

Our chapter of EPF decided to donate \$50 to EPF national.

Closing Prayer: Linda

Next Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2020, at 5:00 at St. John's in the Chapman room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Siemon