

Minutes for Sunday, January 17, 2010

Peace and Social Action Committee

Present: Jon Thomas, Stephanie Alley, Julie Thielen-Montgomery, Mary Alice Horrigan, Pam Person, Kay Wilkins, Diana Cate, Matt Slater, Judy Rothrock, Cynthia Perkins, and Martha Dickinson, chair. Absent were Susan Walsh and Evelyn Foster who cast yes votes on the Peacemaking SOC in absentia.

The meeting was convened around 9 AM. This was a special meeting called to vote on issues from the UUA. See December minutes for details. The Board had approved that the issues be decided by this meeting. So our results will be sent directly to the UUA.

1. We approved placing the Draft Statement of Conscience (SOC) "[Peacemaking](#)" on the Final Agenda for General Assembly (GA) 2010. The vote was 12 yes, 0 no and 1 abstain.
2. We selected five proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAI). Six CSAIs had been proposed. Responsibility for understanding and explaining the issues was allocated as follows. For full text of each, see <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/>

Ending Slavery - Kay Wilkins

Energy, Peace, and Justice - Martha Dickinson

Immigration as a Moral Issue - Eileen Brennan, who was absent. Martha filled in.

National Economic Reform: A Moral Imperative -- Stephanie Alley

Nuclear Disarmament - Pam Person

Revitalizing American Democracy - Jon Thomas

After a good discussion, we voted in five rounds. First, we voted for our #1 choice. Revitalizing American Democracy won this round. Then, from the 5 remaining issues, we voted for our favorite, and so on. The result was that we eliminated Nuclear Disarmament.

Martha, with Kay's help if needed, will send the results of our vote to the UUA.

Kay suggested that we plan on another meeting to discuss these issues as guidance for those from our congregation who will be attending GA in June. Kay and Diana plan to attend. We thought that would be a good idea.

3. We will discuss the Draft CSAI on "[Ethical Eating](#)" at our February meeting. (Comment period closes March 1, 2010). Everyone should read this before our February meeting.

We adjourned shortly after 10 AM until our **next meeting, Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 9 am.**

Yours truly, Martha Dickinson