

Peace and Social Action Committee Minutes of June 22, 2008

Present: Martha Dickinson, chair, Bill Conway
Visitors: Margery Forbes and Jean Davison
Leadership Development Committee: Anna Osanna

The meeting convened around 9:30 AM. Martha passed around the minutes of the May meeting and a printout of the UU PASA web page. See <http://uuellsworth.org/PASAhome.html> or go to uuellsworth.org; Click on Committees and then scroll down and click on the Peace and Social Action Committee to see our Mission Statement, a brief summary of activities and a new feature highlighting Good Works. Martha reported briefly on the ongoing work of the Truth in Recruiting and Alternatives Project in local high schools and on the Maine Refugee Assistance Committee.

Bill has asked Adult RE to co-sponsor the showing of a series of films on Iran. Diana Cate is now chair of that committee. A member of Adult RE is working with Bill to find a suitable date and time for the showings. Bill is waiting to hear back from them. Bill may also show short films just after coffee hour in the RE wing.

Bill will continue to offer his videos and DVDs on topics in Peace and Social Justice. He will make them available during coffee hour on the 3rd Sundays. Ann will work with Bill to find the best placement and possibly storage of his materials.

Ann told of the Jr. Youth Group's interest in international projects and in particular in finding a sister church. They will not meet again until the fall but we should stay in touch on this issue. The Castine UUs recently sent a delegation to a sister church in the Philippines.

Jean Davison is here thru late September and may be willing to give us a program on her work in Globalization. In the winter, Jean is active in the Austin, TX, UU church where she has done such a program.

On June 29 at 7 pm, Hugh Curran will present pictures and talk about his recent Celtic Pilgrimage to Ireland. Hugh leads the Peace Studies Program at the University of Maine. PASA and Adult RE are co-sponsoring this event.

We hope to hold a forum in the fall on some of the good works done currently by congregational members. In the meantime, see our uuellsworth.org/PASAhome.html page for the beginnings of a list of such good works.

Next meeting will be the 4th Sunday in July (July 27) at 9:30 AM in UUCE RE wing.

Respectfully, Martha Dickinson