

UMCE Church & Society - Meeting Notes
Church and Society Team
May 15, 2018

“Living our lives and serving Christ in the contemporary world through faith, action and justice”

Present: Clyde sacks - (minutes), Bill Graf, Russell Fletcher, Jan Thurling, Ann Gerteis, Pem Dunn, Donna Mullins, and Jeanne Ambrosier.

1. Russell opened with a prayer at 6:30.
2. Minutes from April were approved.
3. Jeanne decided we should all meet again in August, all agreed. The meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday, Aug. 21st.
4. Clyde, Donna and Jan gave an update on the Wed. meeting at Lariat Lodge. The next meeting will be at El Rancho. Jeanne read Galatians 3:28.
5. Donna shared that Monday May 21st at 6:00 is the Housing Project meeting at El Rancho (not affiliated with the meeting above in #3).
6. Ann reported on Adult Education:
 - 9-16 Ann and Donna = Nurturing Community / Confronting Bullying
 - 9-23 Katie = Natural World
 - 1-27-19 - Katie = The Way Forward
 - Open Date = Jeanne will contact Jerry Herships
 - Ann will send the full list out to us.
 - Pem mentioned that it is not bad that the list is broken up -- good spacing.
7. Joy International:

Jan gave a report that due to conflicts there is a new plan: Dr. Brodsky will be here for the Men's Meeting/Breakfast at 8:00 for UMC church folks on Sat. Oct. 6th. The meeting will start at 8:30 and go to 10:30. The community will be invited to attend at 8:30 after the breakfast. Dr. Brodsky will sell his books at our event. It was decided that Jan will contact Carol for outreach information and to encourage members of the community to attend. Toward the end of April 2019 we will come up with a date for the kick-off when Dr. Brodsky can come and speak to us again. Jan said we will supply snacks.
8. Barefoot Mile:

June 8th is the tentative date. Jan asked about our interest in the Barefoot Mile Walk. She shared a list of walks around the country. Jan shared several ways to raise money and that the BFM organization will send out "thank you" notes and receipts. Bill agreed to help Jan with outreach to other churches and organizations. Clyde agreed to help Jan work on logistics and PA communications. Jan mentioned that maybe art could be auctioned or sold to raise money. Pem and Clyde agreed to contribute in this way. It was agreed that this date is workable and Jan will make the arrangements and lock down the date.

9. A Way Forward:

Jeanne gave a report to let us know that there will have to be another vote due to incorrect language regarding Amendment #1. In St. Louis in Feb. there will be a decision leaning toward the ONE CHURCH MODEL.

10. Movie Night:

Jeanne, Russell and Ann reported that the movie night was a great success and much fun. Pizza was about \$68 for 7 pizzas. The evening was enjoyed by all. Lucca did a great job running Tech for the evening.

11. Backpack Program:

Jeanne reported that anything collected on May 20th that is not used for Backpacks will go over to EChO. Youth are delivering the food to the ELC food pantry.

12. Jerry Herships:

Jeanne is working on a date. Jeanne reported that he will be preaching on race. If anyone is interested in attending Jeanne had that information.

13. Russell mentioned that he enjoyed this team and loved working with C & S.

14. Russell closed with a prayer around 8:15.