



Commission
on
Social Witness

Meeting Minutes
CSW Conference Call
May 15, 2018; 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

After Rev Dr. Meredith Garmon led us in a chalice lighting, we met new CSW member Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod, who is currently serving as Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, California. We then checked-in.

Present: Richard Bock, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers, Meredith Garmon, Susan Goekler, Alison Aguilar Lopez Gutierrez McLeod, and Kat Casebolt (for first half of meeting)

We approved the notes from March 8 and selected Richard as process observer and Kat agreed to take notes.

We reviewed plans for the 2018 GA CSW programs

- a. Sermon contest – Meredith reported that he had worked with the winner on preparing a worship service, complete with music.
- b. Democracy panel – Richard reported that he was working with UUA staff liaison Susan Leslie. They have a call scheduled this Friday with the panelists to share their talking points.
- c. Mini-assemblies – AIWs/ CSAI – Susan reviewed the processes for the two mini-assembly time periods. For the AIW mini-assemblies, she will see whether former commissioners Caitlin Cotter or Christina Sillari are available to facilitate the off-site delegate min-assembly. If not, Richard will do it.
- d. Hearing on new CSAI – Susan is working with Susan Leslie on planning a hearing on the new CSAI. She encouraged the commissioners remaining on the CSW after next year to attend.
- e. Implementation workshop for Escalating Economic Inequity – Jyaphia will pull this together. Richard offered that some people from Shelter Rock might be able to contribute. Meredith spoke about what his congregation had done – and offered to share that. Susan mentioned work she had learned about going on in Asheville NC, but she has to be at another session at that time.

We discussed other GA responsibilities

- a. Exhibit booth – Kat has provided a diagram for setting up the booth. Susan is getting copies of handouts made and will take them with her to Kansas City. Kat will not arrive until Thursday early afternoon, so we will need Commissioners there Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning – as much as possible.
- b. All Commissioners confirmed that they have housing, have registered, and have travel arrangements. Meredith and Alison will arrive early for ministry days. Phia, Richard and Susan will arrive Tuesday. All are leaving Monday.
- c. Susan reviewed the draft grid.

Susan reminded everyone that her term on the CSW expires GA of 2019. She would like someone else to serve as chair this coming year so she can provide mentoring for a year. No one stepped up – she suggested thinking about it and coming to GA prepared to discuss this. She also explained that Lesley Murdock who has been providing logistical support to CSW will be leaving the UUA staff the end of June. Susan urged everyone to get travel reimbursements submitted quickly after GA while Lesley is still there.

The CSW received an invitation for the Youth Caucus to talk about CSW and its work. It is at the same time as the Democracy panel workshop. Alison will represent CSW there.

We reviewed portfolio assignments

- Plan and lead meetings, staff liaison, primary spokesperson, compile minutes (Susan)
- Room/site arrangements, caterers, GA logistics (Jyaphia)
- Finance/budget/expense reports (Richard)
- Ministerial outreach & sermon contest (Meredith)
- Volunteer coordination (Jyaphia)
- CSW Alerts (Alison)
- Manage socialwitness@uua.org & Listserv (Susan)
- Media – UU World Ads (??)
- Liaison with Youth and Young Adults (Alison)
- Liaison with DRUUM/ARE/BLUU (Jyaphia)
- Liaison with GA Planning Committee (Susan)
- Liaison with Board (Susan)

Next meeting will be at GA on Tuesday evening, after the GA Planning committee reception. We selected August 6 – 10 as the dates for the in person CSW meeting in Boston to draft the SOC on Democracy. Susan will ask Lesley to make arrangements for meeting room and lodging.

Richard shared his process observations. Then Jyaphia provided closing words.

Approved August 8, 2018