



Meeting Minutes CSW Call March 8, 2018

Present: Susan Goekler (Chair), Meredith Garmon, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers, and Richard Bock

1. Susan Goekler called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm, then had check in and a chalice reading. Meredith agreed to serve as process observer and Susan to be note taker.

2. Sermon contest: Susan reviewed the process. UUA staff person Lesley Murdock removed identifying information from each submission and those files were sent to Commissioners last week. Each Commissioner reviewed the submitted sermons and sent Susan Goekler their scores in advance of the meeting. Susan compiled the individual scores to create a composite score for each sermon submission – averaged the scores, calculated d=standard deviations, and created a rank order.

3. The Commissioners discussed the sermons with large variations in individual scores. Then, we discussed the merits of the top four scoring sermons, since they were all within a few points of one another. We reached consensus on the sermon entitled “Why the Right Get it Wrong and the Left Just Don’t Get It” as the sermon contest winner.

4. Meredith will contact all those who submitted sermons and let them know of our decision. He will then work with the sermon contest winner on a service for GA. Susan will get the information on the proposers sent to Meredith.

5. We reviewed GA plans. All final program descriptions are due to Don Plante tomorrow. Meredith will revise the sermon contest description and presenter to include the sermon contest winner.

Richard has been working with Susan Leslie on the Democracy Panel. Eddie Glaude is not available and Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith has withdrawn as a candidate for Congress. Those confirmed for the panel include Adam Eichen (co-author of *Daring Democracy*, Beacon Press), and Ashli Bolden (Director of Civic Engagement with MO Jobs for Justice and a leader in the Movement for Black Lives). Elias Ortega-Aponte will serve as facilitator. He authored the *Corruption of Democracy* study Guide. Susan Leslie will share a little of what UUA Staff is doing.

Susan has arranged for 3 AIW mini-assemblies, one CSAI mini-assembly, and a hearing on the newly selected CSAI.

Phia will check with Susan Leslie on a workshop on implementing Escalating Economic Inequity.

6. Kat has agreed to serve as CSW admin again this year, but will be unable to get there until Thursday around noon. Commissioners need to plan to spend time in booth Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning until she gets there.

7. All Commissioners and Kat have their hotel reservations. Susan also reserved a room for the Commissioner that is supposed to be appointed by the UUA Board in April. Susan reminded everyone to make travel arrangements, either on their own and submit for reimbursement, or by working with the UUA travel agent. Anyone wanting to work through the UUA travel agent should let Lesley Murdock know. Send Richard and Susan travel arrangements, once made.

8. Susan has requested 5 CSW volunteers. We have an assigned booth.

9. Susan announced that we will need to meet again in May, once we have the new Commissioner. Everyone indicated that they would be generally available until the last week in May.

10. Meredith provided his process observations

11. The chalice was extinguished with a short reading.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:05.

Notes by Susan Goekler

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