

Church and Society Minutes **February, 11, 2019**

1. Gail presented devotions
 2. The January minutes were approved.
 3. The Speaker for Empowerment and Public Engagement as Christians workshop will be at our March meeting.
 4. Grant application from Rev. Jesus Purisaca was approved.
 5. Grant application: Gail amended the application form to include a breakdown of expenses. Discussion on clarifying the guidelines. Gail will write a paragraph to be approved by the team.
 6. COSROW Event
 - Fay Christensen will be submitting a grant application for expenses.
 - Exhibit: "Green Card Voices" and session on understanding Muslims and Islam.Gail has been working with COSROW on handouts including Faith and Fact Cards.
 - The offering will be going to Volunteer Lawyer Network which helps immigrants.
 7. Annual Conference breakout session:
 - How to write a grant and ideas. Will have examples of past grants that have been approved. Jerad will lead this session.Gail will let Gail Johnson know about this.
 8. Peace and Justice Summit: Nov. 9, 2019.
 - Gail will ask Jerad if it can be held at Northfield UMC.
 - 9-9:30 registration
 - Morning worship
 - Plenary
 - Break
 - 2 speakers
 - Lunch
 - Break out afternoon (6 possibilities with 2 time slots)
 - Closing worship.
- Publicity begin in mid summer.
2 months ahead send letters to churches in River Valley Conference and nearby churches in other conferences.
1 month ahead call churches.

Possible speakers

COSROW

Creation Justice

CORE

Gail will contact these.

Housing: Dana Newhouser

Small Sums (organization out of St. Paul

JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

Elizabeth will contact these.

9. Upcoming event

March 7 at Hilltop UMC in Mankato, Cindy Kennedy will be leading a workshop about what happens to prisoners when they are released from prison.

Next Meeting: March 11 at Church Center-9:30 a.m. (Changed to April 15)

Devotions?

Minutes?