

Social Responsibility Committee  
Meeting Minutes 3/6/16

Present: Ansel Ploog, Mike McCleese, Margaret Blanchard, Hedi Ballantyne, Harris Webster, Mary Alice Bisbee, Judith Hinds, Fran Krushenick, Irina Markova, Ginnie Humphreys, Vicky Viens

Minutes from 2/7/16 Approved.

Ansel presented her drafts of the SRC brochure. She will email a pdf copy to the committee for their review. Anyone with additions and changes should email Ansel directly.

Vicky introduced changes to the website. She would like to improve links, have a SRC photo gallery, and eliminate some of the pages that have very little content.

Irina shared about Climate Justice Month (March 22 “World Water Day” to April 22, “Earth Day”) organized by the UU coalition, Commit2Respond. Resources are available online ([www.commit2respond.org](http://www.commit2respond.org)) which emphasize the connection of environmental issues to economic and social issues. Irina will speak with Joan about possibly including this theme in UCM’s services. Ansel will be the lead and submit a proposal for how to participate to the SRC via email.

Harris presented update on Senate Bill 28, Divestment from Fossil Fuels. The bill is scheduled to be voted on this coming week so we should get the information out to as many people as possible. Folks are encouraged to call, email or show up to meet with their Senators. We can also email the UCM committee chairs and ask them to share this information with their email list.

Mike presented on both Refugee Resettlement and Rainbow Umbrella. Mike read an email from Diane Fitch, who was unable to attend the meeting. Diane is working with VT Refugee Resettlement Program to do a trial run of bringing new refugees to the State House and look at specific projects that the SRC can call on our community to support. Mike also spoke about the 1 year anniversary of Rainbow Umbrella being celebrated by a Tea Dance on Sunday, March 20, from 3-6pm at Sweet Melissa’s. All are welcome.

Hedi suggested SRC provide child care for future meetings so more folks can attend.

SRC Retreat: Committee voted to table this until the next meeting on April 10

Minutes compiled by Ansel Ploog