

**Minutes of September 9, 2018 MOSES Monthly Meeting**  
First United Methodist Church, Madison

**Next Meeting:** 3:30-5:30, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at Memorial UCC, Fitchburg

49 people attended, of which 1 was new.

Meeting was conducted by Eric Howland, MOSES President.  
Minutes were recorded by Lucy Gibson, MOSES Acting Assistant Secretary.

**Announcement:**

Tim Cordon talked about IVE (Integrated Voter Engagement). IVE organizers want to bring together a massive mobilization of faith-based organizations to go into the community and get people interested in voting and register people. At First Unitarian Society next Sunday, September 16, there will be Voter Education Ambassador Training by Maribeth Witzel-Behl, Madison City Clerk, pulling together a wide range of groups. Tim encourages us to come to the training and commit to knocking on doors and registering people, etc., at particular places. Free lunch! People can donate food if they'd like.  
FUS, 900 University Bay Drive  
Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30

**Opening prayer and reflection:** Laiman Mai offered an opening reflection on Forgiveness.

**Racial Justice Circles**

Barbie Jackson talked about the questionnaire responses received about our previous Racial Justice Circle exercises, saying the general response was very favorable.

Rachel Morgan spoke about WISDOM'S Racial Core Justice Team, which met in Green Bay on Saturday. They want each affiliate to assist in formulating an Equity Statement. To begin, they gave 3 topics of discussion. Today's circles will have a "popcorn" style to response – let people speak one at a time, but quickly, not long speeches. We will compile the responses and share them at a later date.

Frank Davis said WISDOM will be sending out a tool to assess where we are with respect to racial equity. Please respond to the email survey. You can fill out a paper copy if you want, but he hopes most people can do it electronically because it's less work. The WISDOM Racial Core Justice Team will use it as a basis for next steps in developing the Equity Statement.

**Yearbook training** (Ann Lacy, Alison Mix):

Ann and Alison talked about selling ads for the yearbook and also how we represent MOSES to the community. Ann led us through this year's training exercise. We brainstormed "elevator speeches" about why we belong to MOSES, and why it's important for MOSES to succeed. Then we were directed to look at the tips regarding ad sales that were handed out.

Alison said she was previously terrified to sell an ad for the yearbook, but then she asked one of her service providers and they bought one! She said that although it was just a small ad, she experienced that success and feels empowered to try more this year.

Ann said the deadline for ads is by our November meeting. Ad sale recording sheet copies will be available to download from [mosesmadison.org](http://mosesmadison.org). The ad copy has to come as soon as possible (as compared to the money). Ann Lacy will collect the money later. "I am like a bloodhound."

### **Gala Event – Overview/Positions (Frank Davis)**

MOSES Transformation Celebration will highlight and showcase how we do our work and why we do our work. Frank announced, for example, that he will be done with parole in November. People who were in prison are now in positions where officials call them and ask them for their opinion. That's what we fight for: We fight for transformation. It will be about individuals who connect our issues and make them real. We can present a bio book and say, "These are the individuals who have been in prison and are now in society – they're examples of why we do it." The Gala will highlight 10 individuals in the community who connect to our issues, and the people within MOSES who connect to our issues and have fought for what we are doing.

Frank said we're looking for 10 people to be a part of the Gala planning and support work, preferably from different congregations and backgrounds, who are willing to help put the Gala together. Some of the topic areas include:

1. Communication
2. Entertainment
3. Visual presence = refreshments, decorations, cleanup, setup,
4. Community outreach
5. Funding
6. AV
7. Logistics

Sister Fran said she hopes we'll include decorations, cleanup and parking. S. Fran says we need to be specific about decorations, and we do have refreshments covered right now.

Andrea Harris and Frank will lead the teams, and they hope to have at least two people on each team. Frank put out 3 sets of hard copies of signup sheets for us to sign up on committees at the end of the meeting and asked people to put our names down if we think we can contribute to one of the interest areas.

### **Upcoming Projects:**

- Youth Justice Forum September 12<sup>th</sup> – Reforming Youth Justice and Act 185  
Update on panel and Juvenile Corrections Study Committee. 6:30-8:00 pm @ Damascus Rd. Church, 1702 S. Park St. in Madison.
- Core Group Training – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Karen Julesberg said this training will be Sat. Oct. 13, 9:30-noon at a location tba. It's for those who have existing teams within their congregations, as well as those who don't, and also for individual members of MOSES. It's not just for congregations with

high-functioning core teams, but also for congregations that want to build up their core teams. Karen said several of the congregations have already let her know how many are coming from each congregation but she will be contacting the Leadership Board representatives to get a better head count.

- Crossroads Anti-Racism Training: Nov 1-3, Milwaukee \$200 to participate. If interested or if you need a scholarship, talk to Eric Howland.

#### **WISDOM Task Force Updates and Conference Calls (605-468-8012)**

- Old Law: Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) Use code 423950
- Solitary: Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) Use code 423950
- Prison Prevention: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) Use code 423950
- Post Release: Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) Use Code 423951

#### **Announcements**

- Sustaining Contributions: Forms are available from Ann Lacy. Sign up to contribute monthly.
- End Child Poverty: We have gotten 4,000 signatures on the petition.
- Team recruitment
- Religious Leader Caucus is not meeting this month because of the special MOSES forum on Youth Justice that same day, the road leading to St. Luke's where we usually meet is still under construction, and Rosh Hashanah.
- Integrated Voter Engagement: Sat. Sept. 29 another door-knocking IVE. We'll have a brief training beforehand on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and printed materials. This is bringing our issues into the political process at the voters' end.
- Fundraising:
  - Our fundraising team hasn't raised as much money to date as last year, so Rachel is going to send out the fundraising email blast again. Please share it with people you think will support our cause.
  - Save the date for a luncheon October 16. Place TBA. Andrea Harris will do the lead prayer, and EXPO Leaders Sarah Ferber and Melissa Luden will speak about women in prison and the issues they face. It will be a fundraiser. Bring a friend.
- Restorative Justice Peacemakers Training: Barbie Jackson and Karen Julesberg reported that they went to the training last spring. Dane County's Community Restorative Court provides a significant means of diverting young people 17-25 years of age from the criminal justice system by providing a way to resolve their charges and purge their record from the CPAC system. This has a very high success rate for helping people to not make another mistake – very low recidivism. Ron Johnson, Dane County's Community Restorative Court Coordinator, is trying to get all the surrounding communities involved. It's four evenings of 4 hours each. They feed you! It's very interesting; a very good experience. (It's also a wonderful opportunity to let people know the work MOSES is doing.). Barbie said she recently had the opportunity to participate in two justice circles with two different young men and was deeply moved by the opportunity to help them resolve their cases. She recommends this highly.  
If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Barbie. Her phone #

is 234-8118, and her email is [barbie.g.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:barbie.g.jackson@gmail.com) Also, here's a link to the CRC website: <https://crc.countyofdane.com>

**DATES:**

Tuesday, September 18th  
Thursday, September 20th  
Tuesday, September 25th  
Thursday, September 27th

**TIMES:**

5pm -9pm each evening

**LOCATION:**

Centro Hispano  
810 W. Badger Road, Madison, WI

If you would be interested in attending, please contact Ron at:

[Johnson-hs.ronald@countyofdane.com](mailto:Johnson-hs.ronald@countyofdane.com)

- Leadership Board meeting is @ St. Dunstan's on Thursday, September 20, 4-6 pm.
- Help Immigrant Bail: We have a request for someone to go to Milwaukee to bail out a non-citizen. Don't have to pay; the money is provided. They need a US citizen to hand the money over. If interested, talk to Eric Howland
- Film Milwaukee 53206: Barron Walker, seen in the film, was an Old Law prisoner, and he has finally been released, maybe because of the film. His defense brought up the idea that the prison system had failed him because he had been doing the things he should do, and he had still not been released. Setting that legal principle is a good thing.
- Holy Wisdom Monastery: Sacred Citizenship series. Cost \$35 each, includes a wonderful dinner. 5:15-7:30.
  - Oct. 9 Immigrant Justice in Wisconsin and at the Border – presentation by Erin Barato. Register by Oct. 2
  - Oct. 30 Restorative Justice and Youth Court/Dane County Time Bank presentation by Stephanie Rearick. Register by Oct. 23.

For more info: [HolyWisdomMonastery.org/sacred-citizenship-reg/](http://HolyWisdomMonastery.org/sacred-citizenship-reg/)

- FUS First Friday Film: On October 5, @ 5:45 pm, in the atrium of FUS, we will have our First Friday film – a 15-min TED talk by an African American lawyer in Boston who features in a larger film. He talks about the power of the Prosecutor to transform the criminal justice system by diverting people to restorative justice, mental health, drug treatment. Ishmael Ozanne agreed to come to the film showing and respond to the film. He has seen it already. He said he's tried to do this in Dane County. The question is, if he's not doing it in Dane County, what are the barriers?

**One Word Evaluation (round robin)**

**ROC Wisconsin Prayer/Adjournment**