

Peace and Justice Committee Report SCYM 2021

The Peace and Justice Forum met on Sunday, March 28, 2021 on zoom. Almost 40 people were in attendance.

First on the agenda was a proposed minute presented by Alex McDonald of Live Oak Friends Meeting, Houston concerning the No Way to Treat a Child campaign of the American Friends Service Committee. It is adapted from a minute approved by the Northwest New England Quarterly Meeting in March 2021.

Proposed minute for South Central Yearly Meeting, March-April 2021.

[attached]

Second, we discussed a minute inspired by Coastal Bend Friends Meeting concerning Breonna Taylor and no-knock warrants.

[Attached]

Lastly, we discussed a concern brought by Don Satterthwaite of Green Country Friends Meeting. He has worked closely with the Olympia Friends Meeting (Washington) on the Friends Ugandan Safe Transport project that gets gay people out of the country if they desire because of the harsh anti-gay environment in the country. Olympia Friends Meeting has also started supporting a preschool in Uganda in the Nakaseka District in the central part of the country. The organization is called Childhood Health Initiative and Lively Development (CHILD). They serve about 30-40 children. Along with preschool training, they are fed when in school and also given food to take home to their families. The process has started to expand the building into a community center to

provide more services to the people. They need less than \$4000 to complete this work. They have also started a eucalyptus tree farm to provide the school and community center with income. The Peace and Justice committee has \$200 in discretionary funds to spend in the next fiscal year. We ask SCYM to send the \$200 to Olympia Friends Meeting to divide between FUST and the preschool as they see need.