Hi Paul,

On March 12th Susan represented Social & Environmental Justice at the Finance Committee meeting to present S&EJ’s proposal to resolve this ongoing UUSC issue – you were sent the written version prepared by Vicki. Ron said --Just shifting the $203 funding to S&EJ’s account is wrong – this money must come out of Share The Plate, STP. Susan said S&EJ does want to corrupt our STP program and we have in the past funded UUSC from our account. Please note the attached S&EJ charge as the Purpose statement speaks to S&EJ supporting other groups and our Resolution of Conscience specifically states we support UUSC. Ron went on to say that if we let S&EJ do this it will set a precedent. By a vote of 4 to 3 the Finance Committee will recommend that S&EJ not to be able to fund UUSC through their account and they must use STP.

1. Susan plans to attend the Board meeting on April 18th.
2. This UUSC discussion has become a policy issue not a finance issue and S&EJ is following the rules and abiding by our Charge. We cannot find any finance policy that prohibits the proposal to pay a membership of $203 to UUSC or that allows the Finance Committee to dictate how we use our funds.
3. Including UUSC in the S & EJ budget is not precedent setting, as that was the process until a couple of years ago.
4. When S&EJ presented the STP concept to the Board in 2016 – the Board was clear that the preference was that recipients would be local, mostly Sussex County and sometimes a state-wide organization serving Sussex County.
5. UUSC does ask for help when big disaster strikes, and we handle these by announcements in the update and explaining how to make your gift directly to UUSC – we have not used STP for UUSC.
6. S&EJ will not do a STP for UUSC.