

SJC MINUTES FOR FEB. 1, 2017

A meeting of the Social Justice Committee was held on Feb. 1, 2018 at First Parish. Present were: Janet Dye, Betty Gilson, McKayla Hoffman and Rev. Rachel Tedesco. The following issues were discussed and decided.

- The bank balance is \$3,632.32, of which \$1, 392.25 is for *Read to Me, Father*. Our balance is quite high because of the generosity of several people who buy sandwich filling, chips and provide cookies. Hope Crompton is providing March cookies and Drew Doulette will provide them in February for the second time.
- We discussed the films for the Black Lives Matter series at First Parish co-sponsored by the SJC and the Bridgewater Citizens for Civility. The next showing is 13th on Tues., Feb. 27 at 7:00 pm at the church. It is about the Thirteenth Amendment to the constitution and its consequences. David Wilson will take care of streaming it from Netflix. In order to spread the word, Rachel will send the flyer to the church FaceBook page and to E. Bridgewater sites; Betty will send flyers to Susan McCombe at BSU and Lorraine Carrozza at the Bridgewater Sr. Center; and McKayla will contact the Multi Cultural Center and other possible groups at BSU.
- Selections were made for the Share the Plate Charities for the next few months.
 - Feb. is Black Lives UU.
 - March will be U U Mass Action, our state advocacy group.
 - April and May will be *Kids to Camp*, the special Green Sanctuary project.
 - June will be kept open in case there is a specific need.
- Rev. Rachel gave a report on her recent social action projects.
 - Attended the Social Justice Conference on "Mass Incarceration as a New Jim Crow" - Saturday morning, Jan. 20 at All Souls in Braintree.
 - Went to the Women's March 2018 in New Bedford, Sat. afternoon, Jan. 20. Was there with Roxanne Mather, Marc Osborne and Bobbe Anderson. Others from our congregation went to the Women's March in Cambridge..
 - Assisted with SJC showing of "12 Years a Slave" on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Also posted advertisements for the film on local Facebook sites.
 - Lobbying activities of the month consisted of spreading the word to the congregation about what was happening in Massachusetts and urging them to follow up with their state legislators.
 - a) The current priority issues of UU Mass Action are anti-oppression, climate change and economic justice. Message to our congregation: Ask for proposed bills to be released from study committees by the February 7 deadline in order to move forward in the process.
 - b) Current priority issues of the Mass. Community Action Network (MCAN): The Safe Communities Act and Immigrant Rights.
 - Ongoing activity by way of email lists and Facebook notices: Keeping track of what is going on in our area and at the state level for possible future involvement.

- David Tedesco has suggested that we should sponsor a Social Justice Fair to be held at First Parish. We would ask local, university, and other groups to participate. Some possibilities are: Kim French from Middleboro, UU Mass Action, Five Point Coalition in Easton, Marin Richard Institute for Social Justice at BSU, and other UU groups. We will pursue this idea and work on a time frame. Rachel will check on possible participants.

Next meetings will be:

Full SJC Thurs., March 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the church

SJC Thurs., April 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the church