

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JAN. 9, 2020

A meeting of the Social Justice Committee was held Jan. 9 at the church. Present were Betty Gilson, Rev. Rachel Tedesco, Janet Dye, and Sonia D'Alarcao. The following issues were discussed and decided.

1. Bank balance \$4,546.57 of which \$1,406.78 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for RE scholarships
2. The upcoming schedule for the BLM Film Series was reviewed. No changes in the list were recommended and the dates for the showings were set.
3. Results of the Holly Day Fair were discussed. Collections were \$342.00 gross. Janet Dye will submit the bill for expenses, particularly for Equal Exchange items. Gift cards were not as productive as in previous years. An alternative funding technique is needed. All volunteers who staffed the table and prepped materials for the fair were thanked.
4. Church of the Larger Fellowship card writing project. On Dec. 10 Susan Holton organized a card writing event. Cards were donated by several people, especially Alan Yabroudy, and goodies from Susan. Several (10-12) volunteers wrote cards for UU's in prison.
5. Share the Plate Charities schedule in the coming months:
 - January: The Soupman for portable showers
 - February: South Coast LGBTQ Network, Inc. The mission of this local organization is to build and maintain a comprehensive support network for LGBTQ individuals and families across the age spectrum.
 - March: UU Mass Action
 - April and May: Kids to Camp (Green Sanctuary)
6. Welcoming Congregation Renewal activities. On Jan. 19, Sonia will be leading a discussion on "The ABC's of LGBTQ" after the morning service. The book is available to borrow. Laurie Lessner requested \$500 to present 6 related webinars next year.
7. Peace Committee winter project: On Sun., Jan. 19 at 6:00 pm the Peace Committee will be working with the RE Committee on their first Church Night Out program. This will feature a Butterfly Project to support immigrant children at the border. The Indigenous People's History book group will meet at 7 p.m.
8. A *UU the Vote!* Congregational Watch Party to be held Sunday, Jan. 12 at 3:45 at the home of Rev. Rachel and David Tedesco. This is a UUA webinar to address our actions on the 2020 elections.
9. Report from Rev. Rachel: a) Completed two bail-postings for prisoners at the Brockton District Court for the Mass Bail Fund; b) Attended the first session of a BCCR-sponsored seminar on racism earlier in the day. The second session is the following week.
10. Future projects planned: a) Congregational endorsement of the proposed UUA Business Resolution "Embodying Human Rights In Our Investment Decisions"; b) Betty sent a SJC letter of introduction to Dr. Mary Grant, the newly-appointed Senior Administrative Fellow for Civics and Social Justice at BSU who arrived after Jan. 1.
11. Green Sanctuary Committee report:
 - a. A Standout was planned for next Saturday, Jan. 11 at 11:00 a.m. to call attention to the need for climate action. GSC members and others will hold signs and ring bells for an hour.
 - b. Newspaper sleeves - Members are collecting the plastic bags that come with newspapers and will deliver them to a group in Lakeville who crochet the bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. They distribute them to a group in Taunton through a church-related ministry.
 - c. Little Free Library – The post for the library has been erected in the parking area. The book cabinet was projected to be completed and attached within the month.

12. The next SJC meeting was scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7:30 at the church (not Feb. 6 as on original schedule because of conflict with the play). The next Full SJC meeting was scheduled for Thurs., March 5 at 7:30 at the church.