

Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting March 1, 2021 (no Feb. meeting)

Present: Ginger, Janet, Debbie

1. 2021 Sunday Service— April 18

-Frederick Law Olmsted—Gerry Wright portrayal—Gerry does not use ZOOM and prefers to come to the church to present. PC has been informed. **Deb** will contact Worship Committee (and Tech Team?) for approval. **Deb** emailed GW re: description and bio by March 20 and will follow up.

IP&L packet—Faith Climate Action Week --“Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between our ----- Faith, our Food, and the Climate.” \$24 charge plus mailing fee of \$9.00 (?)—Committee decided to forgo purchase.

2. Recycling Update

- CD recycling—no update
- VHS tapes—no update
- Newspaper sleeves for sleeping mats —Notice in weekly email twice; no response from congregants. **Deb** will publicize one more time through weekly email. **Janet** will drop off newspaper sleeves in March.
- Reusable Masks for homeless—committee will not pursue strategies for laundering/reusing masks. Rotary Club has also ordered/distributed disposables to local non-profits.
- **Earth Day Talking Trash & Recycling Presentation** Program needs minimum attendance of 20 people for dedicated showing. Can join already scheduled program—offered second Thursday each month—April 8. **Deb** will handle publicizing through weekly email, Bridging blurb, and Sunday announcement.
- email for social action from uusj@sbcglobal.net—**Deb** will place blurb in weekly email and attach one article per week and will write a blurb (green tip?) in April Bridging.
- West Bridgewater plastic bag ban-Bridgewater Green Committee member reached out for connection to WB First Parish Church. Deb responded with church info another possible contact.

3. GSC 2020 Webinar- possible response/actions--

Background--Deb provided Bridging Blurb in January issue, outlining programs in place through SJC and welcoming ideas and participation of wider congregation.

Possible action:

initiate partnership with Bridgewater Food Pantry in June or later to:

-provide monthly recipe/food tips to recipients which would encourage trying unfamiliar foods, expanding knowledge and improving nutrition—add spices, new ingredients, swap out less healthy ingredients for better choices

-provide samples of new foods/dishes on site once each month

-possibly team up with public health/nutrition professionals for input and expertise (BSU staff/intern?)

-encourage participation of church members, through sharing recipes and volunteering

Update—committee will reach out to Food Pantry in May.

4. **Report for full SJC**—Janet will attend March 4 meeting.

5. **Kids to Camp**—Plate donation designee for April and May. **Ginger** will contact **NRT** for update/status of summer camp program. **Deb** will place blurb in April Bridging and co-ordinate for April weeklies.

6. **Bridging Tip Schedule** -- by March 20-Deb; by April 20—Janet; by May 20--Ginger

Green Tipper provides Bridging with monthly meeting date, to be placed in monthly calendar.

New Google calendar http://bit.ly/fb_bridgewater_Gcal for all postings

7. **Next Meeting**—April 5*, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM (or maybe in person) to plan service

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