

SJC REPORT 2/4/2021

A meeting of the Social Justice Committee was held February 4, 2021 via zoom. Present were: Sonia D'Alarcao, Betty Gilson, Susan Irish, Laurie Lessner, Rev. Rachel Tedesco, and Lisa Troy. The following issues were discussed and decided.

1. Bank balance is \$4,811.33 of which \$469.00 is extra from the Dinner fund, \$1,255.82 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for RE scholarships.
2. BLM banner
 - a. Rachel said that there were no official media present at the BLM banner dedication on Jan. 18. The sound quality of the recording was poor, so it has only been placed on the church FaceBook page. Photos taken by David Tedesco and print copies of the media release and the dedication remarks by Rev. Rachel will be placed in the church archive at Maxwell Library at BSU..
 - b. Plans for Juneteenth formal dedication were reviewed. Rachel will check with the area progressive clergy to ask whether they have plans to observe Juneteenth in some way and to invite them to our dedication.
3. BLM films
 - a. The next three films will explore the baseless claim that there are biological differences between the "races." There are 3 episodes available, each about 57 minutes long with discussion guides available, emphasizing that race is a biological myth. We decided we would use these for Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27. Here is the link.
<https://mem.intervarsity.org/resources/race-power-illusion-documentary>
Sonia will work with Tony on a flyer and will let the new BCCR President Catherine Stewart know about these plans. She will also notify D.I.C.E.
 - b. We discussed possible films for May 25. Betty will forward suggestions from Rebecca Cordeiro for us to consider for this date.
4. Plate selections for the future
 - a. March will be *UU Mass Action*.
 - b. April and May will be *Kids to Camp* through the Green Sanctuary Committee.
 - c. June will be *Family and Community Resources* in Brockton.
 - d. July and Aug. are for MainSpring House lunches.
 - e. We voted to support the Crayon Project for Sept. This sends boxes of crayons in a variety of skin colors to area schools.
 - f. Oct. will be Brockton Interfaith Communities.
5. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will be made on Thursday, March 4 using the present protocols of volunteers delivering lunches, beverages and fruit to Betty's house that day.
6. Reports from Green Sanctuary Committee

- a. Debbie Baumgarten sent the following Green Sanctuary information. Deb attended IP&L Webinar—Unbreathable—Clean Air Act in January.
 - b. Confirmed speaker for April 18 Sunday service. He doesn't use ZOOM, but committee is hopeful sanctuary can be used for this presentation about Frederick Law Olmsted.
 - c. **The Condor and the Eagle** available for viewing through Solstice Initiative, our solar partner, on Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 7PM EST. Deb will include message about this opportunity in this week's weekly email.
 - d. Newspaper sleeve collection—for group that crochets sleeping mats for the homeless. Deb will place message in weekly email, for mid-late February collection.
 - e. **Earth Day Talking Trash & Recycling Presentation**—We don't meet criteria for private program, but can jump on another offered in April through Keep Mass Beautiful. Deb will coordinate and publicize to members.
 - f. **Faith Action Climate Week Kit**--\$24—resources—useful? We voted to pay for this material.
7. The Peace Committee did the service on Peace, Hope and Joy on Jan. 24 with a few glitches. They will be planning a spring event.
8. Rachel's report
 - a. Sat., Jan. 23 attended the Brockton NAACP MLK, Jr. service, as did Betty. Pleased to hear Rev. Michael Walker, formerly of Messiah Baptist Church in Brockton, speak.
 - b. Jan. 25 attend the BCCR presentation on Gender Identity and Sex. Will attend the Feb. 22 presentation on Gender and Race intersectionality.
 - c. Jan. 28 attended a meeting of the Coalition for Social Justice. Its main focus currently is Affordable Child Care and Early Childhood Education.
 - d. Feb. 11 will attend a Boston YW program on racism, "Becoming Part of the Solution".
 - e. UU Mass Action will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Feb. 27. We voted to be promoters of the event and to donate \$100. Rachel will gather the information for the promotion and Betty will send the donation check for the SJC.
9. The next meeting will be a full SJC meeting on Thurs., March 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.