

## SJC Minutes FOR DEC. 1, 2022

### 1. Check in

2. Bank balance is \$4,233.29. Of this \$1,255.82 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for RE scholarships.

### 3. Indigenous Peoples

a. Progress on Land Statement\* - approved by Dr. Joyce Rain. Said Sonia did a very good job. Rachel is going to bring it to the Happy Frog to get printed and Rachel will put in a wooden frame. Probably ready in the next couple of weeks. Parish Committee will now need to approve it and we should be ready to add it into the OOS for the new year. January 8th dedication.

b. Powwow at BSU Kelly Gym Nov. 20 - several of us were there and had a nice time. Rachel bought a book from one of the vendors and maybe we can get some passages from it to read at the dedication.

### 4. GAYT (Guest at Your Table/UUSC) service on Nov. 27 - very nice service

### 6. BLM film series

a. Nov. film "Gather" very successful. One person from the Middleboro UU church was there.

b. Need ideas for Jan. film - Betty found a doc on the Asian community - "The Race Epidemic" - history of discrimination and includes Pan-Pacific Islanders. Question about taking a break from the BLM Films though Betty said it was such a good discussion, maybe it's worth continuing. We will try to get more advertising on social media. Need to find a volunteer.

### 7. Plate selections

a. Dec. is South Shore Foster Closet. Plus RE is organizing BAMSI collection for chosen children and youth. BAMSI donations for the RE program, have been coming in well.

b. Jan. will be COPE, the group doing the NARCAN training on Jan. 29 after Worship Service.

c. Feb. MASC (Mass. Against Solitary Confinement) since we will have a service in Feb. led by UU MASS ACTION featuring MASC. - Claire Karl Miller, from UU Mass Action, and affiliated with UUSC will come to talk. Then there will be a workshop at the service at to try to involve congregants in the MASC program.

8. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue with the same protocol. They will be prepared on Thurs., Jan. 5, 2023.

### 9. Green Sanctuary plans

Will resume formal planning in early 2023

Lisa Troy has book of short plays that are being produced at BSU about climate change. The GSC may want to use one of the plays in a service.

10. Peace Committee will be working on plans for a winter program, perhaps a meditation.

### 11. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans

- a. Report on Transgender Day of Remembrance - Laurie reported her experience at the vigil and encouraged SJC to try to partner with their efforts.
- b. Will do Pride service on June 11, 2023
- c. Will do a regular LGBTQ+ plate collection each June. Laurie will find out the names of the local organizations mentioned at the vigil.

### 12. Report from Rev. Rachel

Church will have a table at Juneteenth, which will be at the BR Middle School. Rev. Jennifer may speak or Rev. Rachel can say a blessing. As a consolation for not having the festivities at the church, the Juneteenth organization will have some sort of concert or musical event at the church. The planning committee will begin meeting in earnest in January.  
?? Lisa has an opportunity to work on a play BSU with a BLM theme and maybe we would be able to host the performance.

### 13. Other business

Next meeting will be Thurs., Jan. 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm on the new zoom link.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84105829136>

\*Hi Betty,

My apologies for not responding sooner. Your land acknowledgement is well written. Thank you for this work.

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Every [land acknowledgement](#) must name the Indigenous peoples of those traditional territories. My own homes of Bridgewater and Brockton, MA (academic and personal) sit on [Wampanoag Lands](#) –as part of the so-call Satucket Purchase of 1649, but these deeds were and are interpreted differently by the parties involved. Sixty-nine villages made up the great Wampanoag Nation and their Indigenous kin and neighbors stretch out across the area of south eastern New England. I acknowledge that their histories have not always been told, and mourn the losses and destructions affecting them since contact with settler-colonials. My personal actions are to consciously connect the land to the original peoples and speak their names and to teach with accuracy about Indigenous rhetorics, histories, stories, communities, sovereignty, and futures of all Indigenous nations. My gratitude goes out to Indigenous peoples I am humbled to work with and will work with as we work to decolonize, heal, rematriate, and engage in all efforts to move this work forward.

