

SJC MINUTES FOR JAN. 5, 2023

Zoom link <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/8261399470>

Attendees: Betty Gilson, [Rachel Tedesco](#), Janet Dye, Laurie Lessner, Lisa Troy

1. Check in

2. Bank balance is \$4,433.47. Of this \$1,255.82 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for RE scholarships.

3. Indigenous Peoples

a. Plans for Plaque Dedication - **Feb 12th service**, see if AJ wants to speak

b. Future plans - Feb BLM film will be an indigenous suggestion from Sonia - see below - **at church & after coffee hour on Feb 12th - this has been added to the church calendar**

4. BLM film series

a. Jan. film is "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" which will be discussed Tues., Jan. 24 at 7:00pm via zoom.

b. Suggestions needed for future films. Here are some possibilities.

Videos

- [Understanding Empathy](#) – Simon Sinek video
- [The Danger of a Single Story](#) – Ted Talk by Chimamanda Adichie
- [High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America](#) - Netflix documentary
- [How Do You Know It Was Racism](#) - W. Kamau Bell
- [United Shades of America](#) - W. Kamau Bell's CNN Show
- [Cleveland Clinic video](#) that is a great way to think about empathy (Maggie Lowe)
- [https://www.cbr.com/better-movies-than-camerons-avatar-2-indigenous-creators/?fbclid=IwAR3flvw9GrLN8ReId83SBnvlOq1rdpbQaQ-jnN6FUTAG\\_T7qOFYoOeEcho](https://www.cbr.com/better-movies-than-camerons-avatar-2-indigenous-creators/?fbclid=IwAR3flvw9GrLN8ReId83SBnvlOq1rdpbQaQ-jnN6FUTAG_T7qOFYoOeEcho) - indigenous films - Indigenous films from Sonia

5. Plate selections

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

b. **Feb. MASC (Mass. Against Solitary Confinement)** since we will have a service Feb. 5 led by UU MASS ACTION featuring MASC. featuring MASC. Then a workshop on MASC after the service on Feb. 26

c. Share letter from UU Mass Action. - From the staff saying they have wonderful ideas but need more money - over \$100,000 and would like congregations to donate more than in the past. Since we're going to be fairly strapped, we will continue to donate the plate. Rachel said we're already raising \$ for their coalition against solitary confinement. This is separate though. We could have **Kids to Camp be April** and have **May will be UU Mass Action**.

6. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue with the same protocol. They will be prepared on Thurs., Feb. 2, 2023.

7. Green Sanctuary plans

Will resume formal planning in early 2023

Janet's going to contact Susan Holton regarding her email asking about recycling and Dress a Girl program.

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

9. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans

a. Will do Pride service on June 11, 2023

b. Will do a regular LGBTQ+ plate collection each June.

Laurie learned that the last week of March is the "National GLBT Health Awareness Week" (Last week of March)

"The Annual LGBTQIA+ Health Awareness Week, a nationwide event that promotes the unique health and wellness needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQIA+) community. Sponsored by the National Coalition for LGBTQIA+ Health"

The worship schedule says **March 26th** is a service called "Collaborative Service on Addiction". Not sure what that's going to be about, but maybe we could do a

**special collection that day for the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network**

([sclgbtqnetwork.org](http://sclgbtqnetwork.org))? This is the organization we've given to in the past.

**Laurie will check with Rev. Jennifer** what the Collaborative Service on Addiction" is about.

10. Report from Rev. Rachel

We will collect for Coalition for Social Justice in March. Rachel shared an email and brochure from them with a lot of Brockton resources.

11. Other business

Lisa reported one book one community is going to be "Can you believe what happened to Lacey?" and got fully funded by the cultural council.

Next meeting will be Thurs. Feb. 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Here is the zoom link.

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