

SJC NOTES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2022

**suggest putting the link to the zoom meeting at the beginning of the agenda

Next meeting will be Thurs., Nov. 3 at 7:00 pm on the new zoom link.

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

1. Check in

2. Bank balance is \$4,232.94. Of this \$1,255.82 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for RE scholarships.

3. Indigenous Peoples Program in November

a. Discuss ideas from UUA - we don't think it's appropriate to do this on our own and would do it in partnership with someone from the Wampanoag, but we don't have the bandwidth for that now. Maybe we get a group together from the church to go to the PowWow at BSU.

b. Decide on a program: date, time and theme.

AJ will present the statement sonia wrote at the next parish committee meeting (10/18) and have it printed and framed (Rachel will take to happy frog, east bridgewater) and hung in the vestibule. Dedicate the plaque after the service - read it in full during the service and then say to join us after the service for the formal dedication.

Then have a simple 2 sentences to add to our welcome statement each sunday. We'll take the first and last sentence from the larger statement.

We'll take the beginning of a service and read the full statement and dedicate the statement.

We'll take the first and last sentence from the larger statement. Rachel will talk to Beth about doing this at her service in November.

4. A J Derby to present ideas for supporting local Addiction Recovery programs.

Mercy Street - Overdose prevention for businesses presented at a meeting last week. She got a lot of material from it and wants to know if it's worthwhile for us to make the information available to our congregants. Lisa asked if we could do a fundraiser for an organization she's familiar with. AJ said mercy st has regular meetings with speakers and a meal. AJ will put pamphlets in the holder outside the lower parish hall. Lisa suggested planting the idea after the holidays to have a fundraiser like a simple spaghetti dinner. Laurie suggested splitting the funds raised at the lasagna dinner - do it as a fundraiser for Mercy St. and the church. Sonia offered to get info from Bamsi - <https://www.bamsi.org/bamsi-health/substance-use-disorder-services/> and we could have it presented after a service. December AJ will put out a box to collect hand warmers, lightly used coats, hats for mercy st. to bring to Mass & Cass.

5. Plans for GAYT (Guest at Your Table/UJSC) service on Nov. 27

6. BLM film series

a. The Oct. film will be "Pride". Here is the info from Laurie. It is available on Amazon prime. Laurie suggested a watch party and discussion. But this film is 2 hours long. So probably should watch first and hold discussion on Oct. 25.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B00Q601RH8/ref=atv_br_def_r_br_c_unkc_1_40

b. Suggestions for Nov. film included Native American documentary that's on Netflix about food sovereignty: <https://gather.film/>

c. Probably should not have a film in December because of full church schedule. But need a Jan. suggestion. Perhaps Asian or Latinx emphasis. Betty is going to look into another movie called "Pride" about Black pride. Rachel told about the PBS doc "Making Black America" - Henry Louis Gates Jr.

7. Plate selections

a. Oct. will be for BIC (Brockton Interfaith Community).

b. Nov. will be GAYT

c. Dec. need suggestions. Perhaps should also include a Mitten Tree or similar gift project (**Bamsi early intervention program**). **Mercy St. for the December collection**

8. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue with the same protocol. They will be prepared on Thurs., Nov. 3.

9. Green Sanctuary plans

a. Metal Recycling was held this past Saturday, Oct. 1. Turn-out was light, perhaps due to continuous rain all morning, but large items collected ahead and by arrangement in the days following the drive should yield a good donation for the Bridgewater Food Pantry. (Proceeds are split 50/50 with Bridgewater Recycling). \$30. cash donations were also collected.

b. YMCA plastics reduction initiative--signs are now up in the E. Bridgewater Y to increase awareness of plastic pollution. Members of the committee may meet with Director for further plans. Janet has been in touch with wider-district executive for follow up.

c. At the Sept. 12 meeting, the Leadership Retreat tool was utilized to review all GSC tasks/activities from the current Annual Report. The following decision was made for the upcoming church year:

—keep most items without change but discontinue regular monthly Bridging column, *Eating for the Earth*.

--provide articles of interest to Bridging, but no schedule.

--conduct the April 16 service for our environmental justice project, Kids to Camp and one summer service this year.

- -schedule meetings only when planning service or specific activity.

10. Peace Committee plans

a. Report on Peace Service Sept. 18

b. Information about Bridgewater Week of Peace

c. Discuss joining Prevent Nuclear War program, possibly in conjunction with the BCCR. Betty will get more info on this.

11. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans

- a. Will hold a service on October 9 on intersectionality.
- b. Will do special collection for the Trevor Project.
- c. Discuss possibility of doing a regular LGBTQ+ plate collection each June.

12. Report from Rev. Rachel

13. Other business