SJC Minutes February 1, 2024

1. Check in: Janet Dye, A. J. Derby, Betty Gilson, Rev. Rachel Tedesco

2. Bank balance is $5,420.61 of which $1,255.82 is for *Read to Me, Father* and $131 .00 is for RE scholarships.

3. BLM films
   a. The February film is "Rustin". Bayard Rustin, advisor to Martin Luther King Jr., dedicates his life to the quest for racial equality, human rights and worldwide democracy. However, as an openly gay Black man, he is all but erased from the civil rights movement he helped build. It can be accessed on Netflix.
   b. Need March and April suggestions.
   c. Will check on "Dark Waters" for some future month. It is on at Prime, Google Play, Netflix and from the library

4. Plate selections
   a. February is raising money to buy items requested for two family homeless shelters, Evelyn House and Conway House. We can purchase from the MainSpring House Wish List or donate the money. It was decided that we will make the donation to MainSpring House and ask then to buy the items for each shelter equally.
   b. Rev. Jo Murphy of UU Mass Action is the guest preacher on Feb. 4. She does not accept the usual fee and has asked that it be donated to the two shelters.
   c. March charity will be UU Mass Action.

5. Lunches
   a. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue same protocol for Thurs., March 7
   b. Conway House will be Sun., Feb. 11 and March 10.

6. Green Sanctuary plans
   a. A representative from Fern Brook Nature School in Middleboro will be the speaker for the April 14 service.
   b. April and May plate collections will be shared with Kids to Camp.

7. Peace Committee projects
   a. MRISJ has a full schedule, so we will not be able to plan an event with them.
   b. Lisa Rue has found dates that the Social Justice Choir of BSU and U Mass Dartmouth would be able to work on songs for peace event. We will be checking on the possibility of a Sunday March 17 afternoon event at the church. Stay tuned.

8. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans
    a. Laurie thinks we need to rethink the welcoming congregations committee or at least have some standing activities/share the plates/services, so we don't actually have to do more than plan for these. We have the Pride service, which is basically the first Sunday in June. The June plate should also be for an LGBTQIA+ organization. For Coming Out Day and transgender day of remembrance, we should also do a special plate collection for an LGBTQIA+ org. We should also think about recommending at least one film that is pro-LGBTQIA. She think if we do that, things can fall into place more easily.
    b. A. J. will contact Laurie for more specific information on her suggestions.

9. Read to Me Father
    a. Six volunteers are working on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 at Old Colony Correctional Center.
    b. We have had about 13 or 14 fathers in all, over the 3 sessions; and have started ordering books for some.
    c. We are hoping to be able to do video recording, but still not confirmed.
    d. Since we are now ordering books for the fathers, the money in the budget will start being spent. We may need to have this program as a monthly charity.

10. Report from Rev. Rachel
    a. Appeal from UU Mass Action to attend their Advocacy Day, March 26. Rachel might be attending.
    b. Also, what questions or issues do we want to ask Rev. Jo Murphy before her service here on Feb. 4.

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