

SJC Minutes Sept. 4, 2025

1. Check in.
2. Bank balance is \$5,357.29 of which \$633.20 is for *Read to Me, Father* and \$131.00 is for R E scholarships.
3. SJC films
 - a. The Social Justice film selection for September is *The Farewell*. It tells the story of a family's lie to hide the death of their grandmother in China, based on writer/director Lulu Wang's personal experience. Awkwafina stars as the Americanized granddaughter, Billi. The family returns to China under the guise of a fake wedding to stealthily say goodbye to their beloved matriarch -- the only person that doesn't know she only has a few weeks to live.
Available on Prime, Netflix, Hulu and You Tube.
 - b. **We need suggestions** for the October film which should be PRIDE related.
 - c. The Nov. film is *Bonhoeffer*, a historical thriller film about the German Theologian and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
4. Plate selections
 - a. September is Project Bread
 - b. October has one Sunday PRIDE (South Coast LGBTQ Network) related, and the other will be The Church of the Larger Fellowship.
 - c. Betty, Office Administrator Lindsey Greene and treasurer Kat Gillespie have worked out the system for sending the checks with a letter from the SJC.
5. Lunches
 - a. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue the usual protocol for Oct. 2.
 - b. Conway House lunches - Sept. 14th
6. Green Sanctuary
 - a. Annual Metal Recycling will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00-1:00. Janet is coordinating.
 - b. The Committee will meet with Rev. Rosemary on Sept. 14 to discuss UUA's Green Sanctuary 2030 and possible initiative to raise awareness re: energy use and related savings at church. Debbie is researching the

possibility of mini-splits for UPH and lower Parish Hall.

7. Peace Committee projects
 - a. Betty and Lisa Troy worked on the service Monday evening. Lisa Rue and Vernon Domingo will also participate.
 - b. The Peace Pole rededication ceremony will be Sun., Sept. 21 at 9:30 am to start the Bridgewater Peace Week. The Social Justice Choir will participate.
 - c. The committee will lead the morning worship, followed by a closing ceremony at the Peace pole.
 - d. We are again working with the Bridgewater International City of Peace for Peace Week, Sept. 21 – 28.
8. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans
 - a. Possible participation by First Parish in adult R E program for congregations to engage deeply in "in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity."
 - b. Would SJC be able to provide part of the fee?
9. Read to Me, Father - Lisa had a poor experience working with Jenna at the prison. She tried to drop off the books and Jenna didn't remember they were bought, let alone through a grant. We'll put together a flier and try to get more participants, especially since a few regulars have been released. Janet made the good point of us trying to get them "good time" credit.
10. Report from Rev. Rachel -
 - a. Rachel participated in the Labor Day standout through Indivisible Brockton. She'll try to get a connection so we can participate with them. BCCR also has standouts.
11. Other business
 - a. New SJ Bulletin Board in UPH for Sept. will be done by the Peace Committee.- Lisa Troy and Betty worked on the board and they have great ideas and images. Mike G. and Betty will address it probably Saturday.
 - b. Perhaps the GSC will do October.
 - c. November should be Unitarian Universalist Service Committee



Next meeting will be Thurs., Oct. 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Here is the zoom link.

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

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