SJC Minutes THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024
Attending: Betty Gilson, Rachel Tedesco, AJ Derby, Janet Dye, Laurie Lessner, Lisa Troy

1. Check in.Comments about the good quality of Bridging.

2. Bank balance is $5,147.73 of which $872.12 is for *Read to Me, Father* and $131.00 is for R E scholarships.

3. BLM films
    a. The October film is “Hunt for the Wilderpeople”. “A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the wild New Zealand bush.” Directed by Taika Waititi. The film is available on Netflix and several others services.
    https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4698684/?ref_=nm_knf_t_3
    b. For November we will do “Geronimo: an American Legend”. You are able to stream the film by renting or purchasing on Apple TV, Google Play Movies, and Fandango At Home.
4. Plate selections
    a. The suggestion for October is MCNAA (Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness). They believe in taking care of their community, especially those who require the most support (elders), guidance (children), and need (low income, health compromised, etc.). They wish to be good ancestors for future generations.
    Talked about checking Navigator to see if the charity is good quality.
    b. Rachel said the worship service for the 13th is going to be on indigenous people’s history, and there will be a guest musician.
5. Lunches
    a. MainSpring and Evelyn House lunches will continue same protocol for Thurs., Nov. 7. - Betty said we may want to do this back at the church because it’s difficult to know people’s schedules and this way it’s a nice community building event. Lisa said she’d still like to be able to contribute and she’ll talk with Betty about plans. Betty will put something in Bridging.
    b. Conway House lunches will be prepared on Sun., Nov. 10

6. Green Sanctuary plans
    a. There will be a church meeting Sunday, Oct. 13 after morning worship to discuss suggested purchases and other needs for the church building. Thanks to Ginger Irish and Janet Dye for their research and footwork on the appliance purchase.
    b. Debbie received permission from the Parish Committee to initiate contact with Interfaith Power and Light (IP&L) re: a weatherization program for houses of worship, offered by MassSave, which may provide free insulation and weatherization through one of their contractors. Debbie has contacted IP&L, naming herself and Bob Messing as contacts for the

church. She received a response and is now waiting for contact from the contractor to begin the process.
c. Following 10+ years as Chair, Debbie is relinquishing the responsibilities of overseeing the Green Team. She will remain an active member of the group. A new chair has not been determined.

7. Peace Committee projects
   a. The Bridgewater International Cities for Peace held a successful Fourth Annual Bridgewater Peace Week Sept. 22 – 28 with many events around town.
   b. The opening ceremony was at the FP Peace Pole prior to the morning worship on Sep. 22. The Southeastern Massachusetts Social Justice Choir again sang. Lisa Rue, Lisa Troy, Jim Quinn , Vernon Domingo and Jack Hart all participated. Debbie Baumgarten planted flowers around the base of the pole.
   c. A very special Worship Service followed in the sanctuary with all the same participants, plus Pat Hart as Lay Leader and Denise Haskins as chief musician. Many thanks especially to Lisa Troy for her moving presentation of the Sadako story. Also, kudos to Alan Yabroudy for a plethora of slides and other tech support.
   Janet said there were about 20 people at the peace pole at the library. Weather didn't cooperate for the BCCR standout for peace.

8. Welcoming Congregation Committee plans
   a. Laurie will try to recruit people to work on the WCC at church on Sunday while working to get more people involved on all the church committees.

9. Read to Me, Father
   a. We have at least one more participant.
   b. Jose suggested we ask about meeting in the library, where the sound is much better (quieter).
   c. There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Night on Oct. 17 at OCCC, which most of our volunteers will attend.

10. Report from Rev. Rachel - Rachel's trying to promote affordable housing in East Bridgewater. They need to achieve 10% because of the MBTA. Bridgewater needs to have 15%.

11. Other business
    a. AJ brought up a survey from JM Goldson about community housing to find out people's opinions on the services offered. AJ will bring them to church for others to fill out.

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

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