

Social Justice Ministry

May 26, 2021

Attendance: Barb Hanniford, Jen Case, Kelley Gifford, Donna Hess, Josh Case, Pam Quellhorst, Frank Hairston

KIFA

Event tomorrow night with Dr. Garrity re. mental health disparities in the Black community. Some of use will attend, and some will be at the anti-racism book study.

King-Kennedy Center

Outreach is giving \$1500/year, but we want to do more via a fundraiser like a spaghetti dinner. Frank suggests doing it a couple weeks after Labor Day. Because of the rummage sale, we may need to aim for the latter end of September. Another consideration is the weather. We may want to wait for cooler weather in October/November. We could have a to-go option, especially since we don't know what will be going on with Covid. (Make sure not the same night as Lutheran or First Christian's monthly spaghetti dinner.) Donna will follow-up with Outreach; we'll probably do early October. Social Justice will provide bodies to cook, clean, serve, etc.

Signs

Frank just needs OK from Josh to order 150 "Racism is a Sin: What do you believe?" We can get this info in the Messenger if we get the info to Leah by tomorrow (5/27) morning. Frank will find out tomorrow how early we can get them. We can take turns distributing them at church. Price will be \$10 each.

NAACP

New coloring book done; they are \$4 each. Ravenna City Schools ordered 250! We can urge KCSD to order some as well. George Joseph should attend KIFA's mental health program tomorrow night. Jen will email.

New Ohio bill

This bill is trying to prohibit CRT being taught in Ohio. NAACP will be putting out a statement. We are doing a disservice to our kids if we don't have conversations about our history, so we don't repeat history. We can work to bend the arc of justice by getting the coloring books out, working against this bill, putting signs up, etc.

CCC

Collaborative Community Committee has invited NAACP, KIFA, and Allies to explain their mission of being a conduit of relationship-building between the community and police in Kent and Ravenna.

South-end garden

We should have some representatives of the church every week going down to help out. Great way to support the community.

Grant

Frank will talk to Pastor Amy. Barb can help with writing along with Donna.

Pride

We should try to be on the lookout for ways we as a church can support LGBTQ community in the area and on campus. Kelly can check with Joy about who might be able to let us know what's happening in the summer/fall.

Next meeting: June 21st at 7 in person on the church lawn!