

6/1/2022

BBC

Those present: Mindy Fugarino, Bob Hill, Mark, Mary Lou Kegler, Judi Barkema, Bill Rose Heim (recording), James Vertreese

Opening/Check in:

Shared concerns (overall, deep concern about gun dialogue)

Reports:

- a. 2 people from IBCC will be sharing \$300 for reimbursable expenses for PPC June 18. They got free airfare and hotel from KS PPC. - Mindy
- b. 1 person contacted Mindy and PPC, but I don't have confirmation if she's actually going. She reached out first and would have first access to the other \$300. - Mindy
- c. PPC promo was sent. Thanks, Judi, for helping to get that together.
- d. Did we get promo out for Dividing Lines tour? – Needs follow up
- e. Did we get promo out for Redlining event from Johnson County? – Mindy will forward to Jessica; Judi will edit as needed (may have gotten lost with the Erik Stafford event)

Juneteenth promo & loose ends:

Need confirmation that the information emailed (but not received by any of our team), is affirmed. (See text below.)

Bill's ARPR Suggestion: This ARPR training option would be for clergy in our region and it would be a full day event led by Erik Stafford. It would include a bus tour as well as a study/discussion of C.S. Griffith's *Racism in Kansas City: A Short History*. Bill has been in contact with Mr. Stafford and he has agreed to do it. The cost for the bus and "*Streetcar KC – A River City Civil Rights Tour*" is \$1500. The bus will accommodate 54 people and that will run \$1300. The streetcar tour is an additional \$200. This would most likely take place in September (possibly September 5th):

Bob will confirm price with Erik Stafford and Bill is the primary contact; September 5 is the proposed date (which is Labor Day – the BBC strongly suggests that we NOT choose this date); BBC is willing to subsidize half of the cost (\$750-850) which would make it about \$25 per person; if BBC is investing in this, we HAVE to promote heavily; a suggestion was, to make a forced registration in two or more (so that every person must bring someone); reminder that this is an ARPR/dual purpose focus for clergy/standing

Jan Brooks/DWM asked for someone to present on BBC, MORE2, and various ways to get involved in Anti-racism work—from 1:30-2:30pm at Tall Oaks on September 10th:

Mindy will do this (Trish or Mary Lou will join Mindy)

Learning Objectives for ARPR—further comments/suggestions on guidelines shared by Bill & Mark:

Trish shared hermeneutic challenge; at the ARPR training, Delesslynn said, “if you don’t have persons of color in your phone right now that you would call that are friends or you could share something with, that’s where you need to start....connections and friendships with people in different backgrounds,” and Mindy wondered, “how do we integrate relationship vs. just the head stuff”; noted by Mark

Follow-up conversation on MORE2 Board Rep from KC DOC to be successor for Rev. Trish (and on this team!):

Follow up needed; Judi will follow up with a particular contact

Process for entertaining matching grant requests for Regional Reconciliation Funds:

Will wait for Bill’s return

Relational Events:

We discussed the difficulty of taking the “book learning” related to anti-racism to the relationship building phase. It was suggested that we could do some team-building type projects (like Christmas in October) where congregations of different racial makeups partner to work on a house or houses. This would then be followed by conversations on what was learned through that effort. If we’re going to do this, we’ll need to plan this in advance; team building event like home building or sorting clothes at Micah; creating opportunities for churches to do these things together should be a priority; there seems to be a consensus that this is a good idea

BBC Retreat near end of August—all day intensive planning? August 31 was the suggested date; at least one hour of this could be virtual to include those who can’t make the in-person gathering; could take the place of our September meeting; this could be a good target date to have new participants

Educational Experience with Indigenous Peoples: Update? Seems to be in Bill’s hands

Other:

Bob mentioned an event for June 30; letter from Birmingham jail (from 2021) project has a bit of money left over, so there will be a webinar on June 30, called Living Dr. King’s Legacy; Julian University CC of Chicago will be the primary speaker

Trish mentioned the MO Clergy Caucus Come and See event tomorrow from 10-11:30 at KCUC

Book recommendation: Ten Years After by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Juneteenth promo information

Your Becoming Beloved Community Team
Invites Disciple Individuals and Congregations
to grow both in understanding of the history of racism
and in our investment in “bending the arch toward justice.”

It’s a time to celebrate freedom commemorated on Juneteenth, we have to acknowledge that from which people needed to be free. This includes all oppression from chattel slavery to Jim Crow & lynching, to red-lining and other intentional ways white leaders denied human dignity and rights to black people throughout our history.

We invite you all to “save a date” to engage more deeply as we move toward Juneteenth together, and as we prepare ourselves for living into a Christlike future embodying freedom, justice, and true beloved community.

There are several ways to engage (individually online; as a congregational study group; attending events; etc.) We encourage you to choose *at least* one:

- a. Now Throughout Summer: **The Becoming Beloved Community Team** encourages you to watch this 32 minute video: <https://youtu.be/5jFWtycVsAk> (also available through www.kcdisciples.org) sharing inspiring music by Mr. Odelle Tally, KC History of racism provided by Mr. Eric Stafford; and Sandy Campbell's rendition of Bessie Coleman's historical witness pre-recorded in June 2020. Please watch and discuss with others how to pursue a better way forward.
- b. June 4th—Parade, see <https://www.juneteenth-kc.com/>
- c. Saturday, June 11, 10am-noon: **Juneteenth commemoration at the Arts & Heritage Center**—Music, art, food, free admission to the Johnson County Museum and special exhibit “REDLINED: Cities, Suburbs & Segregation.” Location: Johnson county Arts and Heritage Center, 8788 Mecalfe Ave., Overland Park
- d. Jun 13-30: Johnson County Library presents **Take a Walk & Read** gives families the opportunity to engage with literature while getting their steps in. Their **Juneteenth-themed display** will be posted during these dates featuring stories related to the freedom of all. Location: Civic Center Park, 250 E. Santa Fe St, Olathe.
- e. June 18: 3rd Annual Advocacy and Awareness Peace March and Rally, Saturday, June 18, 2022, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Thompson Park - Overland Park, KS, <https://www.aagjc.org/events>
- f. Sunday, June 19, noon-1:30pm: Johnson County Government Observance. Location: Johnson County Square (Santa Fe and Cherry St. in downtown Olathe). The public event will include community speakers, historical readings, and musical performers. Featured

speaker: Virginia Sewing whose husband, Donald, led the effort to integrate northeast Johnson County in the mid 1960s. Mrs. Sewing was the first Black woman to win an election in Johnson County, winning a seat on the Shawnee Mission School Advisory Council. See www.jocogov.org/Juneteenth.

- g. June 18th—**Heritage Festival, at 18th and Vine 12-8:30pm**; see <https://www.juneteenth-kc.com/>