

Minutes
Bridge/social Justice Committee
July 25, 2023, 4 pm, zoom

Attending: Caron Chess (chair), Joanne Sterling, Tookie Harris, Rev. Will Green, Anne Coughlin, Mira Ptacin

Rev. Will gave a prayer, Caron read the Covenant

Author Talk, Hannah Mathews: planning

Date: Sunday August 27 4 pm. Arrive on 3:15 ferry, leave on 6:00 pm

Event:Joanne will introduce Mira and Hannah, Mira will prepare 3 questions to open conversation with Hannah, the open to audience. Hannah will bring books for sale.

Publicity: 1)posters (Mira to design, print, also send electronically so can be used in online publicity)We should also print and post; 2) carols list (Joanne); 3) NextDoor (Will) and Mira (Plan a timeline ; 4) STAR (Will). 4) State Street UUA church (Mira) Additional ideas, library on island and in Portland, Bookstores (Mira has relationship with PRINT), word of mouth is key. Mira will send out emails to friends...which will be key to reach a younger audience. We should all do so. PLUS we all volunteered to bring food!

Collection: Mira will ask Hannah if she has a preferred recipient agency. Caron will provide Mira with names of 3 we have supported in past, for info only. Opportunities to donate on tithe.ly or by mail open for 2 weeks, starting one week before presentation. Also at event

SHED: \$27K gift from Alice Moxley to build and equip shed. Special brief Assembly Aug 6 after Fellowship to accept gift and proposed use, since outside budget. Rob will get agenda information to Will in time for next Saturday's weekly email.

Rob Bunton guiding next steps: permit from city, site prep with Plante, order shed and related materials. She'd will include shelving, insulation, electricity, etc. timeline "asap."

Small task force in place to plan implementation details: Tookie, Rob, Will, Linda C-N, Anne
Issue to be resolved: use of small container now on grounds

Fall rummage sale: thank you, Caron for organizing feedback ideas from spring rummage sale
Shed will NOT be in place for fall sale

Communications: design sketches from Will Crosby hopefully delivered by Aug 28

Rev. Will to send two most recent bulletins to Will

Caron and Tyler met to briefly to discuss website. Tyler to send email to committee chairs clarifying how to work with him to identify we site needs.

Other: Will called attention to Bethany Perkins' nonprofit initiative Solutionary Arts of New England. (Can google for more information). He recently participated in an event supporting domestic violence survivors: Finding Your Voices. Is this an area of community need/awareness we may want to consider. Anne will do some further research.

Anne alerted group we are down to last half box of Directories, and decision will need to be made on whether to print more. Both Bridge committee and Finance Committee will be asked to make recommendation to Board A discussion item for September committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm