

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Wednesday, October 20th, 4:00pm, Zoom

Attendees: Linda Capone-Newton (Committee Chair), Karin Elofson (Scribe), Georgette Fehrenbach, Tookie Harris, Joanne Sterling, Caron Chess, Susan Hanley

1) Call to Order – Linda

2) Gratitude Walk

- a) Decision to have walk on Sunday, November 21st starting at 2pm from Brackett; walk is optional.
- b) Desserts to be put out a little later, about 2:30pm, along with warm drinks. Preference is for food that can be enjoyed without plates and silverware, like bars.
- c) Planning for 20 to 30 people; clipboard for volunteers to bake and/or buy to be put out in the Fellowship Hall about 2 weeks before the event.
- d) Donations to be collected for PITEA.
- e) This will be a collaboration. Susan to put information out to 5th Maine and St. Christopher's; Will to contact PITEA.
- f) Will to include Gratitude Walk in his announcement to the Star, due 10/25.

3) Rummage Sale De-Brief

- a) Very successful! Final tally: \$11263.20. Rummage sale 'lessons learned' to be scheduled.
- b) Tookie has sent lovely thank you note out to the community via Next Door and Carol's List.
- c) Tookie is proposing only ONE rummage sale per year, in the October timeframe. Linda would like to discuss additional pop-up sales that would leverage use of storage container.
- d) Linda and Tookie will send thank you notes to those that volunteered, with special gratitude to those that helped out for the first time.
- e) Caron proposes that the final day to receive rummage be moved back a week to reduce last minute stresses of organization.
- f) Linda would like to discuss how proceeds from sales and fairs will be allocated for Outreach activities. Karin explained that the current budget model under discussion is to allocate \$4500 to local mission/outreach work (equivalent to mission shares to UCC and UUA).

4) Directory Debrief

- a) Linda to send copy of the directory debrief minutes to Karin.

5) Social Justice Group

- a) It is proposed to form a separate committee dedicated to Social Justice programs.
- b) It is suggested that it be a sub-committee of the Bridge Committee so that only the Bridge Committee needs to approve its formation (per policy *Standing Committees, Roles and Responsibilities*).
- c) Climate Justice Laity Service
 - i) Topic speaks to the 7th UUA principle - *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*
 - ii) Team taking inspiration from Charles Tilburg climate change presentation, book *What We Can Save*, wisdom of Indigenous peoples and BTS presentations on ecological grief.
 - iii) Service scheduled for November 14th while Rev Will out of town.

6) Communications

- a) Linda and Ann in discussion about External Communications, a responsibility of the Bridge Committee. How can we be more intentional with our communications?
- b) Linda would like to get a few volunteers from outside the church to review the church website and provide feedback.
- c) Georgette asked about website analytics; this is available and can be shared by webmaster(s) at next Bridge meeting.
- d) Georgette noted that it is time that we let the Island know that our Warming Center is open for business when the emergency arises. Rev Will to put out the announcement.
- e) Weekly attendance numbers will be shared with Assembly, UUA and UCC.

7) Trainings

- a) Rob to report on defibrillation and First Aid/CPR training plans at Assembly meeting this Sunday.

8) Adjournment

- a) Rev Will prayed the team out.
- b) Meeting ended at 5:15pm.

9) Next Meeting

- a) Wednesday, November 17th at 4pm, by Zoom.