

Bridge Committee Minutes
January 19, 2022, 4:00 pm
Zoom

Attendance: Jeannie Ashmore, Linda Capone-Newton (chair), Caron Chess, Anne Coughlin (scribe), Karin Elofson, Georgette Fehrenbach, Rev. Will Green, Tookie Harris, Joanne Sterling

Meeting began at 4:05 with reading of Covenant and a prayer

Minutes from November and December meetings were approved as distributed.

Project Updates/Review Items

1. Support for Wabanaki Sovereignty. An informational session is scheduled for January 30th at 2 pm on zoom. Video clips will be used, with Rev Will opening and introducing speakers. Goal is to provide insight and background for letter writing to legislature and governor in support of LD 1626. Bill is expected to be considered in mid-February. Event will be publicized on Next Door and through PIC List and other email networks. Registration online at NBC website with email follow up.

Joanne noted that collaboration on this with MUUSAN has been productive and that group will be a valuable partner on future social justice initiatives. They are impressed with us!

2. Budget update: \$1900 has been designated in the budget for Local Mission Fund. This is in addition to money raised specifically for immigrant family support
3. Immigrant family support. \$500 was provided by church. An additional \$900 has been donated but not yet allocated. Joanne will try to talk with the project coordinator before the next Social Justice committee meeting. COVID continues to slow our ability to engage.

Communication

Update:

1. the large format calendar is ready to go. Per Will, Margo will “help with aesthetics”
2. The covenant poster will be ready to print after Liz provides revised design with changes suggested at December Meeting. It will cost \$84 to print on sturdy stock. It was suggested that additional smaller format copies be made for other settings

Suggestions for additional communication needs:

1. Make recording of sermons and lessons available on web site. (Margo is working on this but process still needs work)

2. Display posters of UU Principles, and comparable UCC core principles. **Will agreed to find this material**
3. Changing information to post on Kiosk. Plan to identify and draft monthly material for STAR.

Recommendation: a communication task force be established to look at the larger question of what information is needed, especially for outreach to larger community, and where it can/should be shared. Members to begin: Linda, Anne, Karin, Faith, Margo. (latter 2 need to be invited)

Fundraising

Art Auction: last auction was in person, 2 years ago, and raised approximately \$3,300
An online auction was proposed...there appeared concern about the logistics and timing.
Preferred alternative is an outside, in person auction in May, probably with artwork displayed inside. **Tookie will bring a draft announcement to next meeting**

Take our supper to support PITA. Jeannie **will talk to key PITA leaders about this.**

The next BRIDGE committee meeting will focus on planning for the rest of the fundraising year, with a timeline for each project and volunteer needs.

Other items

Do we need to plan allocation of "local mission fund?" Brief mention of possible facilitator for land-acknowledgement process, and "Chuck's Africa project." Discussion deferred.

Idea of a street side or inside lending library. Could include material about the UUA and UCC, copies of books we are reading in committees or Book Group, books related to current social justice focus, etc. **Georgette and Rev Will to get us started thinking this through.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm