

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Wednesday, May 19th, 4:00pm

Attendees: Linda Capone-Newton - Committee Chair, Karin Elofson – Scribe, Georgette Fehrenbach, Joanne Sterling, Karen (Lulu) Friedman, Rob Bunton, Andrea Rosenberg, Tookie Harris, Stephanie Eliot; Jessica Townes George, Marcie Goldman (PIC Anti-racism Group)

1) Call to Order – Linda

2) Minutes from April 21st meeting – Accepted as written.

3) Unfinished Business

- a) Wabanaki REACH Program
 - i) Event was well attended and received. \$700 was raised and sent to Wabanaki REACH.
 - ii) Joanne and Caron are preparing a survey to get feedback on how it went and what they'd like to see in the future.
- b) Fun Camp – Andrea Rosenberg, Jess George
 - i) PIES is not currently offering art and PE due to shortened hours; Fun Camp has served a very real need. There is an underpinning of faith, but no overt religious education in Fun Camp. Children are reminded to “be kind”.
 - ii) Once the emergency license is in place, Fun Camp will have access to some COVID grants. Finger-printing complete.
 - iii) It was suggested that training in autism be offered to the team – excellent idea.
 - iv) Liz Rollins’ play on the Selkies to be held at 4pm on Wednesday, June 2nd on Centennial Beach, near the old CMP plant.
 - v) Two one-week summer camps planned; staffing in process.
 - vi) Fall program is likely to be only one afternoon a week, and focus on arts and recreation; no license is needed for that level of programming.
- c) Island Directory Project – Tookie Harris
 - i) Continued concern that ad revenue is not meeting expectations. It was hoped that the team could clear \$8K to cover revenue that normally comes from the Spring Rummage Sale and the Summer Fair.
 - ii) It is suggested that additional people be brought on to solicit ads for a 10% commission. Tookie has some names to call.
 - iii) It will be important to clarify the process for new people; Tookie to organize another meeting to review the artwork/money process with the ad team.
- d) CPR Training – Georgette reported that CPR training went well and was a lot of fun. People were trained ‘hands-on’ rather than just watching videos.

- e) POP-UP RUMMAGE SALE
 - i) Sale made approximately \$2400. Excellent return for less than a week's worth of effort and a 4-hour sale!
 - ii) Will to send thank you notes to those that donated above and beyond.
- f) Warming Shelter Update
 - i) Policy complete and sent to CERT.
 - ii) Karin to send file to Caron for upload to website.
- g) Drumming Circle
 - i) Mike Moody from Portland has now led us in two drumming circles. He would like to work with the core group a couple more times before opening to the public.
- h) Social Justice Music Grant
 - i) Two current suggestions – 1) support PI Music Association concerts over the summer and 2) finance small group African drumming lessons by Annegret Baier (to shore up our core drumming circle).

4) New Business

- a) PIC Anti-racism Group – Marcie Goldman
 - i) Marcie described the current activities of the PIC Anti-racism group
 - (1) Signage at ferry landing; how would a marginalized person feel welcomed?
 - (2) Casco Bay Lines ferry names – cultural appropriation without the history or education; possibility of setting up educational kiosk in the CBL terminal.
 - (3) Artwork on whaling wall; who has ownership of the wall? Can it be used for indigenous art/education?
 - (4) 5th Maine history starts at the Civil War – can it be expanded into the past and include the history of the indigenous tribes?
 - (5) Group is preparing its values and mission statements centered on telling the truth of the history of the indigenous peoples; intent to be inclusive and reach people with understanding.
 - (6) Team does not have a regular meeting time, but tries to be accommodating to its members. Meets ~every 3 weeks.
 - ii) Joanne and Jess expressed an interest in being included in future meetings.
 - iii) Possibilities of collaboration were discussed, such as with the Portland Art Museum, 5th Maine and Wabanaki Reach, as well as arts/music programs.
 - iv) How can New Brackett Church support these initiatives?
- b) Maine 200th Birthday Celebration

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- i) It was suggested we have a Bean Supper with Apple Pie in the fall, perhaps co-hosting with PITEA
- ii) This could include a presentation of Maine history.
- c) Daytime Adult Recreational Singing
 - i) Andrea has been approached about organizing this, preferably mid to late morning. She will consider after the play is performed (6/2).

5) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 5:15pm.

6) Next Meeting

- a) Wednesday, June 16th at 4pm.