

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, Rob Bunton, Tookie Harris, Stephanie Eliot

1) Call to Order – Linda

2) Prayer – Rev Will

3) Minutes from July 21st meeting – Accepted as written.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) In Person or Zoom
 - i) It was decided by those present that continuing to meet by Zoom was most efficient.
- b) Directory
 - i) Directory is printed and needs to be bound. 1500 copies being made.
 - ii) Preliminary plan to distribute out of Fellowship Hall at select times which will be advertised.
 - iii) One free directory per household; additional directories can be purchased for \$10 each.
 - iv) It is expected that anyone who wishes directories to be mailed off island will cover the shipping costs.
 - v) Each island is responsible for their own distribution process.
 - vi) A special appreciation for the Directory Team will be organized for Sept/Oct timeframe.
- c) Cooling/Warming Center – updated policy ratified by the Board on August 17th.
 - i) First use as a cooling center used by only 3 groups, but the weather did not reach the high temps forecasted. It was a good trial run nonetheless!
 - ii) Time to “hang out” and take care of odd tasks was helpful. Rev Will may create something like this – office hours - on an ongoing basis.
- d) Climate Change Presentation
 - i) Organized for August 21st at 4pm.
 - ii) Announcements in Next Door and PI List.
 - iii) If possible, Stephanie will contact Liz Rollins about creating posters for sandwich board to be placed by the kiosk.
 - iv) Karin, Linda and Tookie volunteer to staff presentation and set out some refreshments.
 - v) Charles has asked that paper and pencils be made available.
- e) October Rummage Sale

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- i) Storage Container in place; official date to start collecting is September 18th.
- ii) Will and Tookie were given dispensation to collect items before Sept 18th **BUT** then must visually assess the items and see if they represent salable goods.
- iii) We will explain that we are limiting our list of acceptable items as some either do not sell or cannot be recycled. Some decisions:
 - (1) NO to books, CDs, VHS tapes, DVDs (no media!)
 - (2) NO to baby things
 - (3) NO to televisions or large electronics
 - (4) NO to wall art
 - (5) YES to clean clothes, shoes/boots and accessories in good condition
 - (6) YES to household/kitchen items
 - (7) YES to toys and sporting goods
 - (8) YES to tools
 - (9) YES to pet supplies
 - (10) YES to linens/blankets/rugs
 - (11) YES to jewelry
 - (12) YES to Christmas decorations
 - (13) YES to small pieces of furniture
 - (14) YES to tchotchkes
 - (15) YES to arts and crafts
- f) Collaboration with PIC Anti-Racism Group
 - i) Possible meetings to be held at Church but no direct collaborations planned at this time.
 - ii) Joanne and Rev Will attending meetings led by Rafferty.
- g) Fun Camp
 - i) Rough and Tumble Camp was a success.
 - ii) In fall, camps planned for Wednesday afternoons and dance classes on Saturday taught by Sharoan Cohen.
 - iii) Rev Will will be in Chaplaincy Training on Wednesdays, so question – who is the official responsible person?
 - iv) When will First Aid Training be scheduled?
 - v) Karin to set up meeting with Andrea, Board members, Joanne and Linda to talk about Fun Camp topics such as finances, admin role, dean role and what happens when Andrea goes abroad?

5) New Business

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- a) Kiosk Rejuvenation
 - i) Stephanie and Linda to reach out to St. Christopher's to see how the Church panel can be updated.
 - ii) Linda feels kiosk panel has two purposes – to share who we are and to advertise upcoming events.
 - iii) Karin wondered if we could add a QR code that would link to our website.
 - iv) Deadline to make updates set as end of month.
- b) Composting
 - i) Bethany Glatz has volunteered to set up kitchen waste composting bins at Brackett for public use and to instruct others how to create their own at home.
 - ii) Composting done correctly does not attract racoons and rats.
 - iii) Rev Will will contact Bethany about setting up a Zoom call for all interested parties.
 - iv) Linda emphasized that, as pilot program, it is important that it be done well.
- c) Thanksgiving Dinner planned for weekend before Thanksgiving.
- d) Jingle Bell Fair – decide in September if it will go forward.

6) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 5:34pm.

7) Next Meeting

- a) Wednesday, September 15th at 4pm, by Zoom.