

Bridge Committee Minutes
May 24, 2023 4pm Zoom

Attendance: Caron Chess, Georgette Fehrenbach (scribe), Joanne Sterling, Mira Ptacin, Rev, Will Green, Anne Coughlin, Karin Elofson, Tookie Harris, Betsey Remage- Healey.

Opening Prayer by Rev. Will

Caron Chess read our Covenant

Book signing/presentation: Mira suggested that we bring Hannah Matthews to do a presentation and signing of her book "You or Someone You Love: Reflections from an Abortion Doula." The group was excited about this possibility based on Mira's praise. Mira will check Hannah's availability. Joanne volunteered to work with Mira on the program.

Gun Safety from Betsey: The legislature is in full swing with many gun bills being heard in committees. We need to focus on three bills: 1. A waiting period of 72 hours 2. Background checks 3. Ban on 1341 buttstocks. We are asked to contact our legislatures to support these bills. A summary will be sent through email and on June 3 there is a gathering in Augusta supporting these changes in the gun laws.

Date Night Update: No summer date nights but will begin again in the fall.

Rummage Sale Update by Tookie: Many wonderful volunteers are stepping up to help. She sent out information about collecting stuff two weeks before the sale. We still need to organize people to take the leftover rummage off the island when the sale is over.

Directory Update by Anne: We will have a table at the rummage sale to give out the directories. Every household(address) gets one free directory and any additional copies are \$10.

Communication Project: We are looking at using the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and the front bulleting
Possible Will Crosby has volunteered to work with us on the design.

MUUSAN/legislative Updates: People are encouraged to contact their legislators in support of MUUSAN LD 199 which supports Maine Care Coverage for immigrants and refugee adults. A template of a letter in support of this bill will be sent out to the email list. Caron also reported that she is following Meret's lead about how we can support Wabanaki social justice efforts at this point.

Board Updates: NBC is updating the church bylaws, including committee responsibilities. Questions about the updates to the Bridge Chair (3.21, 3.2.2). Anne suggested and the group agreed to include fundraising with the community as a function of the group. The Chair of the Bridge Committee is now a "coordinator," rather than an administrator.