

Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 18, 2023  
4:00pm on Zoom

Present: Caron Chess, Tookie Harris, Joanne Sterling, Will Green, Georgette Fehrenbach, Linda Capone Newton

Minutes of our September meeting were approved as submitted.

Rummage Recap:

Yay! The Rummage Sale raised \$10,000.

We will have a separate debrief meeting on the Rummage Sale.

On Sunday during Fellowship Time, we will write thank you notes to people outside the church.

Will is going to bring thank you cards.

Ongoing Projects:

Question 6 is really live right now. They're doing canvassing on Sunday, November 5th, starting at 1:00 in Portland and Falmouth. We could take the 11:15 into town. This happens to be Caron's birthday. She will send a link to sign up. There will be a 45 minute training, and then 2 hours of canvassing. We will also have canvassing on the Island.

In addition to canvassing, we also have clips of Maulin Bryant's presentation at First Parish.

Written remarks could be excerpted for "Joys and Concerns". Phone banking is also possible.

Most importantly, we can also forward info to our personal contact list of friends and family.

We're going to leave it up to each of us as individuals about what we want to do.

N.B. There is also a lot of work being done around a new mine in Maine. [Click here for Maine Public Radio story](#).

Jingle Bell Fair:

We take place on Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10th, featuring a bake sale, silent auction, and holiday decorations that have been set aside from our Rummage Sale. The committee planning this event will meet on Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00am.

Appreciating Autism Event:

This Saturday at 11:00am. We are providing light refreshments and coffee.

Date Night:

November 17th is our next event. The Sellers are coordinating. This is our last Date Night of 2023. We'll resume in January, with a goal of having one event every six weeks.

Communication (this topic is continuing into a 5:00pm meeting):

We have clarified the following language for the entry area of the church.

1) Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning service, Wednesday meditation, Saturday communion

Encouraging spiritual exploration through children's programming, book groups and education on a range of traditions  
Promoting inner reflection and community connection

2) Peaks Island Community

Hosting non-profit organizations, vaccination clinics, meetings, concerts  
Providing programs for adults and children  
Sponsoring Island wide events (Rummage Sales, Speakers, Children's Programs)

3) Social Justice

Advocating for Wabanaki Sovereignty  
Prioritizing Reproductive Justice  
Supporting Immigrants and Assylum Seekers