

NBC Bridge Committee Minutes

Date, Time: July 20th, 2022, 4pm by Zoom

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

Meeting call to order: Linda

Prayer: Rev Will

Approve Last Minutes: June 15th minutes were approved as written.

TOPICS:

1) **Review of *Meeting and Communication Policy*, rev 2 Draft**

- a) Updates in attached file, highlighted in yellow.
- b) Informal approval of updates by Bridge Committee attendees.
- c) This version to be sent for review by Assembly prior to Aug 28th meeting, where it will be ratified.

2) **Tuesday night Cooking Club**

- a) Great feedback, wonderful teen involvement.
- b) Pi and Avery keeping the kitchen and hall very clean!
- c) Joanne feels that a Wonder and Wander nature walk would be great for teens. Wonder and Wander is organized by BTS; BTS focuses on Eco-Spirituality. Joanne will ask BTS if they are interested in supporting W and W for teens.

3) **Pop-up Rummage Sale:**

- a) Great success, ~ \$7K raised. Volunteers were wonderful, as always! Special kudos to Tookie 😊
- b) Under “lessons learned”, Linda noted that the team was not prepared to have everything cleaned up before Fun Camp started on Monday (not enough people). Reed Kraft was a literal godsend!!
- c) Mixed feelings about sheets/bedding. Being tied up in bundles keeps them neat, but can’t necessarily see any stains or damage!
- d) The concept of larger bins to ease “clothes rummaging” still has no traction, will continue with banana boxes.
- e) Dedicated group to meet in September (before 9/20) to talk through some of these issues before October Rummage Sale; Tookie to organize.

4) **Social Justice Task Force:**

- a) SJTF is very busy; key activities around voter registration, reproductive justice and gun safety.
- b) Joanne would like to attract additional members; perhaps the SJTF should be more widely advertised to Island residents.
- c) SJTF is considering ways to fund-raise for reproductive rights initiatives; more details at meeting on Tuesday, July 26th.

5) 2023 Island Directory:

- a) Postcard designed for all Island mailing. Postcard contains the link which takes individuals to the forms for updating, adding or deleting information. Tyler has prepared these online forms – thank you!!
- b) Cards being printed by Curry Printing week of July 25th and will be mailed as soon as ready. Paper forms to follow in a couple of weeks.
- c) Next meeting to be scheduled when Anne is back from Norway.

6) Date Night!

- a) Planned for Friday, August 19th. Hours approximately 5:30pm to 8:45pm.
- b) Pre-registration will be important so that we can plan for the varied age groups.
- c) Pi Crosby may be asked to help make pizza for the kids.
- d) An event in September will be for whole families, such as pizza and game night.

7) Violins of Hope

- a) Georgette told the team about Violins of Hope, <https://www.violins-of-hope.com/>, and the upcoming performance by the Portland Symphony Orchestra on October 23rd; see <https://portlandsymphony.org/event/violins-of-hope/>.
- b) From PSO website: “*Violins of Hope* is a concert project featuring a private collection of violins, violas and cellos, housed in Israel. All of the instruments were owned by Jewish people during the Holocaust, and were collected following World War II. The PSO’s Violins of Hope Maine will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the resistance of the Terezín prisoners. PSO string players will perform on these special instruments, a 60-piece collection, during Verdi’s Requiem concert.”

8) The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

9) Next Bridge Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 17th at 4pm (Zoom)