

NBC Bridge Committee Minutes

Date, Time: November 16th, 2022, 4:00pm by Zoom

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

Meeting call to order: Linda

Prayer: Rev Will

Approve Last Minutes: October 19th, 2021 minutes approved as written.

TOPICS:

- 1) 2023-2024 Island Directory (Tookie and Anne):
 - a) Overall, things are going well. Next meeting with team leads will be in December.
 - b) Brian and team moving forward with advertising activities. Past advertisers have been contacted; some responses to date. Volunteers as contacts have been identified for all businesses.
 - c) Georgette and Linda are planning to start contacting businesses in the Old Port on 11/17.
 - d) Request for information sent to TEIA distribution list.
 - e) No submissions for cover art received to date, we may need a Plan B!
- 2) Social Justice Task Force (Caron and Joanne)
 - a) Postcard writing on October 20th, 100 cards prepared and sent.
 - b) \$1315 collected towards Reproductive Justice; list of donors to be provided to Caron and Joanne.
 - c) Latest meal prep event at the Root Cellar was another great adventure!
 - d) Joanne, Rev Will, Caron and Anne attended SACReD training (Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity), which was quite deep. At the next SJTF meeting, it will be discussed if and when the training will be offered to local community (7 sessions).
 - e) Joanne has been attending the Intersectional Environmentalist Book Study through the BTS Center; this may generate more ideas for services and programs.
 - f) With Joanne as Board Chair and Caron as Bridge Chair, the SJTF may need to change how it organizes.
- 3) Christmas Concert
 - a) Planned for Sunday, Dec 11th, 3pm and 7pm
 - b) Approximately 10 baskets that can be given as Christmas gifts will be created and raffled off.
 - i) Tookie has many raffle tickets.
 - ii) Suggested price range for those creating baskets: \$15 to \$50.
 - iii) Will and Tyler – ‘Scratch’ theme
 - iv) Karin – ‘Salt’ theme
 - v) Jeannie – ‘Hostess Basket’ with wine, etc.
 - vi) Georgette – Notecards and pens
 - vii) Joanne – “I wish I was in Ireland!”

- viii) Other ideas: “Tools” - Anne to talk to Rob; “Cooking” – Linda to talk to Margo; “A day at the Beach” and “Coffee Break!”
- c) Refreshments to be offered – baked goodies, hot cider and lemonade; sign-up list to be put out during Fellowship.
- 4) 10/21 Date Night Debrief
 - a) Organization to be improved; clear leader to be identified.
 - b) Linda is putting together rules of engagement...
- 5) December Date Afternoon? Parents would like the opportunity to Christmas shop. Rev Will to check in with a few parents and assess the timing. The afternoon of December 4th is really the only open opportunity. An evening date night would be pushed into 2023.
- 6) Fellowship Team
 - a) The Board suggestion that Fellowship be under Bridge rather than Worship met with much resistance; Bridge already has a lot on its plate. This will be returned to the Board for further discussion. No changes are being made at this time.
 - b) Recurring issues with Sunday Fellowship were discussed.
 - i) Should there be a separate sign-up for clean-up in addition to hosting?
 - ii) How do we engage more people in the Fellowship work? A personal ask is always the best!
 - iii) Fellowship is a big part of church life; how do we make it more manageable and affordable? This conversation will be brought back to the Assembly.
 - c) It was reaffirmed that OWL Training is under Worship, not Bridge.
- 7) 2022 – the year in review!
 - a) Linda and Caron to review activities in 2022. Who was served? How successful were we? What do we continue and perhaps what do we let go?
 - b) One page slide due for Annual Church Meeting on November 27th.
- 8) Next Bridge Committee meeting is **Wednesday, December 7th at 4pm** to prep for Christmas Concert Activities (Zoom).