

Bridge Committee Minutes December 7, 2022 4 pm zoom

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

Rev. Will opening prayer

Minutes: November minutes were approved as mailed

Directory update: Residential update deadline was Nov. 30. Online entry portal is closed. Any updates or changes received by email, yellow sheets, etc should be given to Anne. Bill Oliver and committee will review updated printout and develop plan for follow up as needed. Priscilla Webster is contacting realtors and the Portland assessor's office for data on home sales since June 2020. Ad outreach is going well. Tookie and Barbara Carter are sharing updating or yellow pages. **Decision—advertisements for non-profits are half price.**

Social justice task force update:

Board approved \$2000 allocation to two Maine-based reproductive Justice organizations recommended by SJTF. In addition, \$1,365 was collected in Reproductive Justice appeal, which will be divided among three organizations identified by SJTF. A number of donations came from islanders not in church, in response to Joanne's posting on NextDoor.

Four SJTF members participated in 4-hour training to facilitate SACReD curriculum for reproductive Justice. However, task force decided not to pursue implementation at this time. Joanne is communicating with SACReD about this decision and ways we can proceed and keep door open to future implementation

Caron anticipates next SJTF meeting will look at issue of land acknowledgment. She is collecting information that will be distributed prior to that meeting.

Christmas Concert:

Baskets for raffle: 7 are definite and will be delivered church by Friday: Scratch, Stewardship/handyman, wine, paper/writing, Ireland, Salt, Greenery. 2 are in progress:

Kids (Linda), Beach (Karin, Anne)

Karin will design sheet so people wanting to buy tickets can sign up, only need to put their sign-up number on back of raffle tix.

Tookie and Caron will publicize raffle and cookies on NextDoor, Faith's email, Carol's Island list. Raffle tix will be priced same as at Loretta Voyer raffle.

We have plenty of cookies coming. Linda C-N will call to insure enough volunteers for serving food during intermissions. Tookie will purchase cider. Karin, Tookie and Anne will staff raffle ticket table.

Date nite:

Next Date Nite January 27

Linda recommended establishing a date night task force to organize on an ongoing basis. She will work with Will to recruit the team and a chair, and identify tasks, based on what we've learned so far.

Calendar for Bridge year: Linda and Caron to draft. Will being to January Bridge meeting for review and revisions as needed.

Fellowship: Does NOT report to Bridge but to Worship. Tookie will develop a 4 column sign up sheet starting in February, that separates out set-up and clean-up. Suggested that Fellowship needs a task force/subcommittee. Question will be taken to Board. Suggested that Margo be invited to assume some leadership in this.

Other business:

Caron and Linda will meet to discuss leadership transition issues in week after Christmas
Mice infestation under stage and in kitchen...Karin will take issue to board.