

Minutes
BRIDGE Committee
February 16, 2022, 4 pm (zoom)

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

Minutes: approval of January minutes deferred to March. (Note: minutes are available for review on NBC website)

Updates:

Social Justice: LD 1626 hearing in support of Wabanaki sovereignty very successful. Over 1200 pieces of supporting testimony received (and still counting), including at least 27 from our island network. Thank you to Caron Chess and Barbara Carter.

Immigrant Relief Fund: do not yet have results of Valentine's Day collection.

Community Arts and Play: (Andrea R. Reporting) program has applied for grants from PIC and CIBA, focusing on staffing and training. The after-school program will resume in April. Liz Rollins will be here in Spring to lead kids in a play that is for entire island (adults too), with grant support she obtained. Looking to summer, Andrea hopes to initiate a recreational singing class and Qu gung class (therapeutic exercise) for adults, and possibly a separate class for teens

Communications subgroup

Accomplished: 1. changes to poster with covenant completed by Liz. Linda will follow through with printing, size 39"x36", to go on currently empty space between windows in Fellowship Hall.
2. Will has obtained poster from UUA that includes beliefs and principles. He will continue to look for a UCC poster.

Issues/ ideas for further development:

Establishing policy, as needed, to determine what goes on walls, where, and who decides.

If necessary, bring policy recommendation to Assembly in March.

Bulletin space for Social Justice

Entry bulletin board...our welcome/entry space for everything

Develop a tri-fold introducing NBC to visitors

How to convey all the many things going on in NBC (used to be a poster that tried to do this)

Fundraising discussion

Current budget calls for us to raise \$23,000

\$9,000 remains from Directory project: currently funds are held in reserve, rather than being counted against 2022 fundraising goal.

Art Auction has been announced for Memorial Day (5/28). Format is still under discussion—
Assume another rummage sale in the fall. Last one raised over \$11,000

Can we plan for a Summer Fair or Christmas Festival?

Other ideas to be explored: cookbook (Margo, Anne), community dinners, Thrift store/consignment store.

We are seeking a balance of money raised, effort required, fun for all...plus calendar issues.

(Note: based on email feedback after this meeting, a special zoom Bridge meeting focused just on Fundraising will be held Tuesday, 2/22 at 2 pm)

Other old business

Lending library of some sort (Will and Georgette)