

Minutes Bridge Committee
March 16, 2022, 4:00 pm. (Zoom)

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

Minutes: minutes for January and February were approved as posted on website

Old Business/Updates

Fundraising: The. Notes from the Feb 22 Fundraising meeting, called as a follow up to February BRIDGE meeting, are posted on the website. The meeting clarified the 2022 fundraising goal (\$14,000). We are targeting 3 fundraising events in 2022: Art Auction on May 28, a summer family event, and an October Rummage Sale.

Art Auction: planning meeting scheduled for March 24, 3 pm. Will to send out zoom link
Purpose, timeline leading up to event and assignment of tasks. Recruiting artists is key: we have list from previous auction, also list of artists who submitted their names to be in Island Directory. Everyone is encouraged to personally reach out to artists we know to submit works.

Question was raised if we have enough “stuff” to consider a pop-up rummage event this spring. Consensus there was not enough rummage accumulated.

Question raised as to planning timeline for next Island Directory (2023 Fundraiser). **Anne and Tookie will bring a proposed timeline to next Bridge meeting.**

Proposed: Pierogi cooking class producing “to go” freezable dinner item. Margo willing to coordinate. Goal would be week of April 11. Suggested that proceeds might go to nursery in Poland, with which Margo has an ongoing relationship, that is taking in Ukrainian refugee kids, and to Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition.

Social justice update: Discouraging progress on Wabanaki sovereignty bill LD 1626. Unclear what our next useful steps will be. Total of \$1,600 donated to Immigrant Rights Coalition, in addition to initial \$1,000. **Rob will provide Joanne with names of donors who gave checks rather than online, so we can thank them.** Small group from church packed food for immigrants at Root Cellar this month, and additional scheduled opportunities coming up.

Communication subgroup update:

- Social Justice will get bulletin board just inside Fellowship Hall. Task force will discuss content at next SJTF meeting
- Linda is talking with Liz Rollins about helping with standardized signage for bulletin boards

- Tri-fold to introduce church to visitors: text has been approved by Will. Anne will work with Lisa Penalver on design and selection of art/photos. Jeannie is bringing back examples of welcoming materials from UU church she attended in Georgia, which may expand our thinking
- Art auction and CA&P focus of next STAR (Will) and kiosk (Linda and Stephanie Elliot)
- Email list. Currently 107 names. Margo offered to explore services (including Tithe.ly which we subscribe to) for managing email list as it grows. Need to identify multiple ways people can ask to be on list.
- Decluttering initiative is part of communicating who we are to visitors. Notes from initial walk through can be found on web site in committee minutes section. 3/17 and 3/18 decluttering from 10-12 More to be scheduled later.

New business

New items to be placed on April agenda:

Movie night/family night/game night

Religious education for adults and children (may be referred to Worship committee)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.