

Bridge Committee Meeting
February 15, 2023 4pm Zoom

Attendance: Caron Chess, Georgette Fehrenbach (scribe), Karin Elofson, Rev. Will Green, Tookie Harris, Joanne Sterling, Margo Mallor, Anne Coughlin

Rev. Will opened the meeting with a prayer.
Caron read the covenant.

Goals for 2023 to be presented at the March Assembly Meeting:

1. To develop and document goals, policies, and leadership for Date Night.
2. Raise 14,850 (after the 9,000 directory contribution) in the 2023 budget through activities that also serve the community (e.g., rummage sales and other events). We raised 14,000 with rummage sales last year.
3. Organize an ad hoc team tasked with developing an inclusive process to communicate our NBC stories with the congregation and the community.

(Thanks to Karin for scribing our goals.)

Date Night Update:

Will is working on finding a leader. Caron mentioned that this is a big project and we need a leader and that we should know that person before the night is advertised. So for the next date night which is March 10, Will offered to give Caron the contact person by Feb. 24. Karin thought that the leader does not need to be the same person every date night but there should be a designated person for each night. Anne mentioned that the policies are evolving as issues have come up. So far the food has been donated for Date Night but in the future we might need to think about a budget.

Rummage Sale:

Next rummage sale is Memorial Day Weekend. There was a discussion about having a separate jewelry sale but nothing was decided. Also Caron offered to contact Susan Hanley about the church possibly participating in the July 4th Art Walk.

Family Promise:

Family Promise is undergoing changes in the structure of the organization. Georgette will attend a meeting with questions about those changes and get back to the Bridge Committee. Then we can develop a plan to open this volunteer opportunity.

Directory Update:

Anne met with Brian and we have around 4,450 dollars in hand for ads with more coming in to (hopefully) total 18,000. By the end of the week the Directory should be sent out for printing. With the printing cost taken into account we think our profit will be \$10,000 - \$13,000. We also need design help with some of the ads and not sure if that will be a volunteer or a paid position. Also Will brought up that maybe NBC can have an ad in the Directory that island retreat space is available for rent at New Brackett Church. Possible NBC might use two quarter page sections in the Directory