

New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, June 19th, 2022, 11:30am

In attendance: Cathy Gritman, Jeannie Ashmore, Linda Capone-Newton, Will Green, Karin Elofson (scribe), Joanne Sterling, Tookie Harris, Rob Bunton, Sarah Ingraham, Jan Thomas, Margaret Bragdon

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer and lit the chalice.
- 3) May 15th minutes approved with one correction – change ‘family’ to ‘families’ under 4.a.ii.
- 4) General Topics
 - a) 5th Maine Time Capsule – Jeannie to get tri-fold over to the 5th Maine.
 - b) Janitorial Topics:
 - i) Rev Will and Rob are meeting with Linda Tuttle on Wednesday, June 22 at 9am to walk through updates to the list of responsibilities in her contract, making modifications as necessary.
 - ii) Directions for using dishwasher to be updated to include more detail and then be laminated.
 - iii) *Not discussed, but ongoing* - A list of event contact names needs to be prepared; Will to ask AA and Al Anon leads if they are comfortable sharing their names.
 - iv) Karin to make copies of blank building use forms so that they are readily available in the hall.
 - v) *Ongoing* - Jeannie to look into getting a commercial carpet cleaner to come for the Church and Parsonage. Karin also has carpets for cleaning.
 - c) Flowers – Betsey and Todd are going to be away during July. Rev Will to talk to Liz Rollins about potential flowers from weddings; Jeannie to ask Wally if she is also willing to help with flowers.
 - d) Railing for steps heading up to altar area needed for safety reasons; Stewardship Committee to take on this project.
 - e) Other volunteers needed for carrying cross and candle lighter; older children to be asked as well as adults.
 - f) Service/Fellowship Support Team
 - i) Hosts are expected to set-up and clean-up and bring one dish each.
 - ii) Others will continue to be encouraged to bring food to share.
 - iii) Coffee instructions to be rewritten – 35 cups regular coffee, 18 cups de-cafe plus one regular pot for choir.
- 5) Sunday Services - Worship Themes

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- a) June 26th – Bible story, feeding of the 5000; talk to include trip to MIRC to help pack food.
 - b) July 3rd – Standing in Your Truth, plus communion. Sarah to continue to make/purchase gluten-free bread. Sarah has asked for something to facilitate pouring the grape juice into small cups; Jeannie to look into that.
 - c) July 10th – Cheryl Anderson – Talk on Jesus and Buddha
 - d) July 17th – Role of Meditation
 - e) July 24th – Flower Communion, UUA tradition – everyone brings a flower and everyone takes a flower.
- 6) Eucharist Service - Going well, even if number of attendees is small at times.
- 7) Meditation Service - Wednesdays are cancelled. There may be a better day/time; to discuss with Margo when she returns.
- 8) Programming for Children
- a) OWL Curriculum – Leaders must be trained. This would be open to the public. There are those on the Island that would be excellent in the leader role – Cathy Crosby, Rafferty, Jean Berman, others. Generally taught by a man and a woman.
 - b) Climate-themed Teen Group; Joanne went to ‘Wonder and Wander’ through BTS, communed with trees and nature – could be good template of something to do with teens on the Island.
 - c) Pi Crosby (teen) starting a multi-generational cooking event on Tuesday nights, starting 6/28.
- 9) Communication through the Website
- a) General complaints from Assembly continue about “not knowing what’s going on.” Committee minutes are being written but congregants don’t know when they are posted or where to look for them.
 - b) Rev Will to let congregants know using bulletin and weekly e-mails when minutes are posted and where to find them on the website.
 - c) Will asked for feedback on the calendar in the bulletin – was it enough/not enough/too much. It was suggested that some public events, like Sunday afternoon music circle, be added to show our commitment to supporting the community.
 - d) Linda recommends we have a church computer that can be used to show people how to access the website, among other things.
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 12:36pm.
- 11) Next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, July 17th at 11:30am, in person.