

New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, July 17th, 2022, 11:30am

In attendance: Cathy Gritman, Jeannie Ashmore, Linda Capone-Newton, Will Green, Karin Elofson (scribe), Joanne Sterling, Jan Thomas, Margaret Bragdon, Stephanie Eliot

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer
- 3) June 19th minutes approved as distributed.
- 4) General Topics
 - a) 5th Maine Time Capsule – We were too late with the trifold 😞
 - b) Janitorial Topics:
 - i) Rob met with Linda Tuttle and finalized her 2022 contract; no further performance appraisal is needed for 2022.
 - ii) Jeannie and Will to meet with Jan for her performance appraisal and general discussion.
 - iii) A list of event contact names to be prepared; Will to ask AA and AI Anon leads if they are comfortable sharing their names.
 - iv) Karin has made copies of blank building use forms; need to be placed in Fellowship Hall.
 - v) Jeannie and Mavourneen have measured the carpet area in Sanctuary as 800 square feet. There is carpet in the parsonage as well. Karin and Joanne have carpets to clean. Looking to make a case for carpet cleaner to come to the Island from Portland.
 - c) Flowers – Betsey and Todd are away during July. Kay and others have donated beautiful bouquets in their absence.
 - d) Stewardship Committee working on railings for steps heading up to altar area; hope to have in place for Sept 25th service.
 - e) Service/Fellowship Support Team
 - i) Coffee instructions to be rewritten – during the summer, 45 cups regular coffee and 18 cups de-cafe plus one regular pot for choir.
- 5) Sunday Services - Worship Themes
 - a) July 24th – Seabound music and Flower Communion, UUA tradition – everyone brings a flower and everyone takes a flower.
 - b) July 31st – Balancing our Spirit; dispelling myths; multi-religions
 - c) August 7th - *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer, with traditional liturgy for communion
 - d) August 14th – Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) - Anti-Racism and Reparations via Restorative Justice

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- e) August 21st – Name of the Church Series, including discussion with HopeGateway.
 - f) August 28th – Words and deeds of prophetic people (UUA Source #2); looking for more contemporary examples.
 - g) September 4th – Loneliness and what we can do about it.
 - h) September 11th – AIW – Reproductive Justice
 - i) September 18th – How to be a Good Trouble Congregation; UU the Vote
 - j) September 25th – Stewardship Committee, what is its mission, what it is doing. Bless the Ramp!
- 6) Eucharist Service - Going well, even if number of attendees is small at times.
- 7) Meditation Service - Better day/time to be considered; Wednesday am is too early for most!
- 8) Programming for Children – *not discussed at July 17th meeting*
- 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.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 12:36pm.
- 10) Next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, August 21st at 11:30am.