

New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, Aug 21st, 2022, 11:30am

In attendance: Rev Will Green, Jeannie Ashmore, Cathy Gritman, Linda Capone-Newton, Karin Elofson (scribe), Jan Thomas, Rob Bunton

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer
- 3) July 17th minutes approved as distributed.
- 4) General Topics
 - a) Jan Performance Appraisal - Jeannie and Will met with Jan for her performance appraisal and general discussion; Will to document conversation.
 - b) UCC Hymnals – Karin to order 15 UCC New Century Hymnals. This had been put on hold pending the restart of congregational singing.
 - c) COVID Policy – Decision to allow congregational singing with masks, as of September 11th. Those who are uncomfortable may choose to sit in a reserved area, such as pews towards back of Sanctuary, south side.
 - d) Building Use Forms - A list of event contact names has been prepared; Will has this. Karin passed blank sheets of “Building Use Forms – Small Events” to Will.
 - e) Carpet Cleaning – Equipment to be rented from Brad; Jeannie to contact some local cleaners and see if \$35 an hour is fair. Other people have carpets to clean, if this works out.
 - f) Altar Railings - Stewardship Committee working on railings for steps heading up to altar area; hope to have in place for Sept 25th service. Plan to be made of wood.
 - g) Welcoming Packet – Plan to create contact information insert, postcard type paper, to be placed in Church Tri-fold. Tri-fold to be updated before additional copies are made.
 - h) IT Person – Pi Crosby or Calvin Foster may be good candidates. Proper equipment may need to be purchased.
- 5) Sunday Services - Worship Themes
 - a) August 28th – Words and deeds of prophetic people (UUA Source #2); looking for more contemporary examples. Jan is off this day; Will and Jan have a plan!
 - b) September 4th – Loneliness and what we can do about it.
 - c) September 11th – AIW – Reproductive Justice
 - d) September 18th – How to be a Good Trouble Congregation; UU the Vote – PLUS naming conversation with Hope Gate Way during Fellowship.
 - e) September 25th – Stewardship Committee, what is its mission, what it is doing. Bless the Ramp!

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- f) Rev Will is on vacation October 16th, so service will be lay-led. Karin suggested using themes from “Wander and Wonder” and/or *Church of the Wild*; resources from The BTS Center.
- 6) Book Club to restart Sept 13th.
- 7) Programming for Children –
 - a) As we have more children attending on Sundays, it feels the time is right to re-instate some kind of spiritual education during Services, ages 2 to 6 years old. This requires planning, perhaps a separate team. Will to get input from Gigi, Stephanie Birdsall, Devon and perhaps Mira.
 - b) Older children may be more engaged by a youth choir.
 - c) OWL Curriculum – Well received at First Parish. Look to them for guidance.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.
- 9) Next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, **September 25th** at 11:30am.