

New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, Sept 25th, 2022, 11:30am

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

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer
- 3) Aug 21st minutes approved as distributed. Cathy noted some items in the website that needed correction; Karin encouraged her to send any future findings along by e-mail and they will be updated asap!
- 4) General Topics
 - a) COVID Policy – Decision to allow congregation to sing with masks, starting October 2nd; Karin ordered 15 UCC New Century Hymnals through Amazon to be delivered to the parsonage.
 - b) Carpet Cleaning – Carpet cleaned with equipment from the Fred Rainbow. Looks decent.
 - c) Altar Railings – Todd has taken the action to make a wooden railing to the upper altar level.
 - d) Welcoming Packet –
 - i) Jeannie provided samples of a contact information insert that will be placed in Church Tri-fold. Team made a few suggestions, which Jeannie will incorporate and then have insert printed on cardstock.
 - ii) Tri-folds are out; updates to be made before more are ordered. Karin will send out the version she has for review and comments by the team.
 - e) IT Person – Jeannie has been taking videos of Will's sermon, but now needs to get videos onto You Tube. Patrick Selby may be able to help.
- 5) Sunday Services - Worship Themes
 - a) October 2nd – World Communion Day plus local communion
 - b) October 9th – Indigenous People's Day theme
 - c) October 16th - Rev Will is on vacation that day, so service will be lay-led.
 - i) Jeannie will lead; Rev Will to help with organization.
 - ii) Jeannie to contact Linda Holtslander and Mira Ptacin to see if they are willing to talk about their writing project with women inmates; some of their writings could be used as readings.
 - iii) Betsey has also volunteered to talk about her work with local immigrants, teaching them English.
 - d) October 23rd – Wonder and Wander theme based on Church of the Wild, Karin and Joanne to help develop service with Rev Will.

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- e) October 30th – Ancestor, All Saints Day
- f) Looking Ahead:
 - i) Service with Islam theme in November.
 - ii) Saturday, Christmas Eve Service back in the Sanctuary, with special choir music. At one time, the labyrinth was set up in the hall!
 - iii) Sunday, Christmas Day Service to leverage traditional carols.
- 6) New Robes – Rev Will to ask Andover Church if they have robes to donate.
- 7) Programming for Children –
 - a) OWL Training – Joanne is in initial information gathering.
- 8) Membership Team – **this team needs a leader** to pull together whoever is interested. Team does not need to be large.
- 9) Miscellaneous Community programming notes:
 - a) Sunday, 10/16 – PITEA Dinner in hall (they need heat!)
 - b) Community Concert led by Faith, Sunday December 11th at 3pm and at 7pm.
- 10) Jeannie is stepping down as Worship Chair at the end of 2022; a new chair is needed. Nominating Committee to meet end October.

- 11) Next meeting is **Tuesday, October 18th at 4pm, by Zoom**. New Worship Chair may wish to move this meeting to evenings to attract people that may work during the week.
- 12) Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.