

## **Worship Committee Minutes**

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**Date:** Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:00pm, Zoom

**In Attendance:** Rev. Will Green (co-chair), Timmi Sellers (co-chair), Karin Elofson (Scribe), Jan Thomas, Margo Mallar, Sarah Ingraham

### **1) Opening prayer – Rev Will**

### **2) March 2023 minutes approved as written**

### **3) Religious Exploration Sub-Committee**

- a) New Religious Exploration (RE) subcommittee formed under the Worship Committee. This group is meeting at a separate time; the minutes from that meeting will be recorded and posted on the NBC website.
- b) Current participants are Jessamine Dana, Gigi Guyton-Thompson and Will; Timmi will attend for a while, to ensure a good start. Once OWL becomes part of the RE group, Margaret Myers and Joanne may attend as well. Sunday Nurturer coordination will fall under this group.

### **4) Retirement Party for Jan – after 22 years!**

- a) Planned for June 25<sup>th</sup>, during fellowship. Jan's family will be invited.
- b) It will be a special brunch – definitely with a delicious cake!
- c) Jan is accepting requests from the choir to perform their “greatest hits” before she retires.
- d) Search Committee is actively seeking Jan's replacement; next meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am. Final candidates will be asked to select music and rehearse the choir for Sunday services during later part of May/early June.

### **5) Robes**

- a) Pam Gustin has graciously offered to come to the church on a Sunday and hem any choir robes that are too long. Jan thinks the number is actually minimal, less than 5.

### **6) June 17<sup>th</sup> Event at the Church**

- a) We will have an opportunity during Peaks Fest to share with the community our history and what we are doing now.
- b) Some kind of art exhibit of Brackett's story is being created. A separate team has formed with members of the Worship and Bridge committees.
- c) Rev Will is asking Will Crosby if he is will to consult with a design, possible a tree motif. The intent is that the artwork be organic and flowing.

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- d) Island photographers will be asked to contribute photos of Brackett activities and members of the congregation for this “living” art installation. Timmi agreed to ask Julie Weisburg to participate.

### **7) Live Streaming**

- a) It was noted during Nelson’s Celebration of Life that live streaming of the event did not produce good quality with the equipment at hand.
- b) Karin has the action to identify the right sound and video recording equipment for the job, perhaps consulting with additional experts. Timing is critical!

### **8) Worship Themes**

- a) April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Remembrance theme; Holocaust Remembrance Day (4/18), Armenian Martyr’s Day (4/24)
- b) April 30<sup>th</sup> – Will’s Birthday! 42 seedlings to distribute; nods to Beltane and Festival of the Virgin Mary.
- c) May 7<sup>th</sup> – Will is out of town; Timmi has found local speaker from Grace Street Outreach Ministry, Jeff Logan. He will speak about Jesus as one who took care of the lowly, and the importance of walking in their shoes. Timmi to coordinate service and ask for help as needed.
- d) May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mothers’ Day; Will to speak about celebrating and honoring mothers, as well as the struggles of motherhood.
- e) May 21<sup>st</sup> – Tending our Garden; Will to read *The Carrot Seed* to the children and use related themes in his sermon. This service may be followed by Spring Clean-up of the grounds; Timmi to organize.
- f) May 28<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost; Wear RED if you have it! Pentecost commemorates the descent of Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus 50 days after Easter, and they could understand each other regardless of what language they spoke.
- g) In August – The Peaks Island Swim Team (PIST) would like to speak about swimming year-round, and reference the book *Blue Mind*.

### **9) Next meeting Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm on Zoom.**