

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Tuesday, October 26th, 4pm

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Jeannie Ashmore – Committee Chair, Karin Elofson – Scribe, Jan Thomas, Rob Bunton, Joy Mills, Cathy Gritman, Tookie Harris, Margo Mallar

1) Call to Order – Jeannie

2) Approval of Minutes – Sept 22nd minutes were approved as written.

3) Unfinished Business

a) Covenant

i) Liz Rollins is having a poster size of the covenant printed, for the front lobby bulletin board.

b) Brackett Church history – Cathy has book and will copy to create pdf for website link.

c) New Plates and Silverware

i) Plates not yet ordered, no need. We have a lot of ceramic plates; mismatched = shabby chic!

ii) Still to be purchased – ~ 6 oz water/juice glasses.

d) Choir

i) New Hymns – put on hold until we have clear plans to sing together in person.

ii) Jan will rehearse choir to sing special Christmas songs on Dec 19th and Dec 26th.

iii) Church to be decorated for Advent; Advent wreath and purple candles.

e) Sunday Services

i) Next themed service to be November 14th. Topic – 7th UUA principle, Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

(1) Planning team meeting regularly; next meeting in person at church on November 5th at noon.

ii) AV Topics

(1) Will to reach out to anyone who is able to record the sermon on their phone.

(2) Jeannie to reach out to Kevin Rollins again regarding recommendations for a new amplifier and also wireless handheld microphones.

(3) Bob Gritman described a hand held device to help those who are hard of hearing.

f) Eucharist Service

i) Plan to meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5pm starting October 30th.

ii) Joy will lead first few; Will offers to help and possibly Rev Jim will also be willing to officiate.

g) Meditation Service

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- i) To be led by Margo, Dave Stankowicz and Ray Murdoch Curry.
- ii) First thought is 7:30am on Wednesdays; time to be confirmed.
- h) Christmas Eve
 - i) Festivities will be held outside, 5pm to 7pm, with service from 6 to 6:30pm.
 - ii) Plan to recreate the labyrinth with luminaries lit on Christmas Eve.
 - iii) The sanctuary will be open for a limited number of people to have time for contemplation; will be hosted to ensure numbers are kept to safe maximum.
 - iv) Based on feedback from last year's event, there should be some form of music at all times. This may be the Choir, Peaks Island Ukes, other Island musicians or streamed music through external sound system.
- i) Nurturer
 - i) Nurturer to be re-hired. Willow is not interested in the position.
 - ii) Jeannie to talk to Stephanie Birdsall about what level of support her children would need during services.
 - iii) Vestry gives children sanctuary; religious educational materials and quiet toys to be provided.
- j) COVID Policy Discussion
 - i) At October 24th Assembly Meeting, the Worship Team took the action to research and prepare a COVID Policy proposal and to present it at the November 7th Assembly meeting.
 - ii) Current CDC guideline is 50 people maximum inside. Karin counts attendees each Sunday; if more than 50 people attend 2 weeks in a row, then we will need to start limiting numbers. Preregistration may be needed.
 - iii) Rev Will to reach out to Rev Donna at A²U² and Rev Brian at State Street, to see what their current COVID policies are.
 - iv) Our policy - All will be asked to wear a mask indoors unless eating or drinking. This applies to adults and children.
 - v) Children will have the option of going outside if they choose not to wear a mask.
 - vi) It is suggested to reduce the number of chairs at tables in the hall during Fellowship to create more distance.
 - vii) Choir must be vaccinated – continuation of current policy.
- k) Liturgy Sub-Committee
 - i) Jeannie to organize. The following people have expressed interest in participating: Barring, Jeannie, Karin, Joanne, Linda C-N, Joy and Will.
- l) Welcoming Visitors - *Not discussed during October 26th meeting*

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- i) Cards to be put in back of pews for visitors to provide some limited information, if they wish. Linda C-N has examples to share.
- ii) Greeters to be organized; Jeannie to prepare sign-up sheet.
- m) Orientation program for new members, as per NBC bylaws – Margaret offered to develop this with Rev Will. *Not discussed during October 26th meeting*

4) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 5:33pm.

5) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, November 21st, 11:30am, in person