

## New Brackett Church Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date, Time: Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Jean Ashmore - Committee Chairs, Stephanie Eliot, Joanne Sterling, Jan Thomas, Karin Elofson (scribe), Linda Capone-Newton, Rob Bunton, Barring Coughlin, Mavourneen Thompson, Margaret Bragdon

- 1) Call to Order - Jeannie
- 2) Approval of November Minutes, as distributed
- 3) Unfinished Business
  - a) Covenant – Linda C-N is working with Liz Rollins to get covenant printed in poster size; will go on bulletin board in the hall. Options reviewed at Bridge meeting.
  - b) Plates and Silverware - water glasses arrived; dessert plates ordered.
  - c) Hymnals - committee authorizes purchase of 15 copies of Singing the Living Tradition. Karin to order from UUA bookstore.
  - d) Sunday Services
    - i) January 2nd service to celebrate anniversary of establishing our new congregation; party planned. Joanne has ordered a cake.
    - ii) Making a goal to have a congregationally led service before Easter (first quarter of 2022).
  - e) Eucharist Service
    - i) Team will take turns supporting Joy, particularly Jeannie and Margaret.
  - f) Meditation Service
    - i) No comments
  - g) Christmas Eve, 5-7pm, outdoors
    - i) Spiral Labyrinth - luminaries and greens; Rob R and Jess to construct the spiral.
    - ii) Sanctuary open and heat on.
    - iii) Rev Will to prepare order of events.
    - iv) 4 Firepits to be lit – Church's, Ashmore's, Selby's, Linda C-N's
    - v) No wood is needed.
  - h) Nurturer
    - i) No one has agreed to be the nurturer on Sundays; parents are currently watching their young children in the vestry.
    - ii) Worship to address our policy regarding unaccompanied children in the near future.
  - i) Covid Policy
    - i) Guidelines updates to 90-person max in the Sanctuary plus vestry, based on 75% of full occupancy (per Maine guidelines).
    - ii) Sunday services have had about 50 attendees, including children.
- 4) Liturgy Sub-committee
  - a) There was a confusion on the purpose of the liturgy sub-committee, whether it was to discuss the order and content of services on Sundays, or to plan the implementation of UCC and UUA themes and practices.
  - b) Will defined Liturgy as “humanity at full stretch before God”. The intention of our services is not to bring in as many people as possible but to honor the spiritual journeys

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of those that attend, which includes providing opportunities for service to others, spiritual growth and theological exploration.

- c) This is OUR church – how do we make it our own? It was suggested that we prepare another survey asking the congregation about those aspects of the service that are most important to them.
  - d) Will is currently using a Christian lectionary; should this be expanded to include other religions or traditions? Topic for discussion!
  - e) **The team will meet at 4pm the first Tuesday of the month** to clarify scope, and to prepare sermon topics for January 9<sup>th</sup> until Ash Wednesday.
  - f) Current volunteers to the sub-committee: Barring, Jeannie, Karin, Joanne, Linda CN, Joy, Will, Steph E, Lulu F.
  - g) As a first step, Jeannie has individuals pick tongue depressors for service opportunities at church the following week.
- 5) Adjournment, 1:00pm
- 6) Next Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11:30am