

## NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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**Date, Time:** Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm

**Attendees:** Jeannie Ashmore, Committee Chair; Rev Will Green, Pastor; Karin Elofson, Board Chair and Scribe; Jan Thomas, Music Director; Margaret Bragdon; Cathy Gritman; Otis Thompson

**1) Call to Order – Jeannie**

**2) Opening Prayer – Jeannie**

**3) Unfinished Business**

- a) Affiliation Process
  - i) Definition Team Recommendation Report to be sent out to Assembly in coming days; Assembly vote planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion will be “to plan and start activities to affiliate with both the UCC and UUA in an 18-to-24-month timeframe”.
  - ii) ‘Affiliation Team’ to now be called ‘Covenant Team’.
- b) Choir Re-started!
  - i) First 8:30am rehearsal held today, April 18<sup>th</sup>, for those that are fully vaccinated.
  - ii) Liz Rollins has created special singing masks; Rev Will will organize a special offering at several services in May to collect money to honor Liz’s efforts, including her original Selkie play for the children. Cathy to send thank you note to Liz for all she has done.
  - iii) The earliest the Choir may sing is at May 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
  - iv) Jan asked Margaret to help get Emily to choir practice; Margaret agreed!
  - v) Jan and Rob to identify spot in Hall for choir robes, perhaps by removing one of the old pews. Sanctuary pew identified that requires repair; could old pews be useful for that?
- c) Moving Sunday Services back inside!
  - i) May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Congregation to convene in the SANCTUARY! Window in old choir loft to be opened, along with front door; ceiling fans will be circulating. Pews will be marked in some fashion for seating in a socially distant manner.
  - ii) Window in choir loft needs some attention; Rev Will to talk to Rob about repairs.
  - iii) No group hymn singing, but congregants may hum through their masks.
  - iv) Bulletins will be provided; hymnals and Bibles to be removed from pews.
  - v) Poster to be prepared for the kiosk on Welch street to announce that we are moving services back inside.
  - vi) What are the triggers to *abandon* inside worship (e.g., certain number of cases per 100,000 people in Cumberland County)? Rev Will to talk to Dr. Noah.

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- d) Dishwasher training was a bit of a disaster... Rob to work with supplier to understand the problem.
- e) Easter Services – all services and activities were well attended. It was nice to see some old and some new faces!

### **4) New Business**

- a) Prayer Shawl Group
  - i) Margaret and Emily have been going through the yarn and prayer shawls in the right closet, discarding and consolidating what they can.
  - ii) Prayer Shawl group should be able to meet on the stage with one couch and a couple of rockers.
  - iii) Date to re-start meeting in Church still TBD.
- b) Fun Camp
  - i) Fun Camp moving to 2 days a week in May; Tuesday and Wednesdays only, for rehearsal of the Selkie play with Liz.
  - ii) It was clarified that Jeannie should talk to Rev Will or Andrea if she has questions about Fun Camp logistics or Fun Camp storage.
- c) Rev Will to get with Cathy regarding sending a note to Arthur Fink; he is now in hospice.
- d) Linda Tuttle would like a calendar to see what events are planned; Rev Will to print out pages/months of our Google calendar and hang them somewhere convenient for Linda to see.
- e) Pentecost – May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - i) Traditional red decorations to be put up
  - ii) Congregants encouraged to wear red.
- f) Rev Will's and Tyler's Wedding Party – Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - i) Ad hoc team to be assembled for party planning; to be discussed in the Bridge Committee meeting as well.
  - ii) Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to be led by the laity; Jeannie to organize planning of that service.

### **5) Adjournment**

- a) Meeting ended at 3:15pm.

### **6) Next Meeting**

- a) Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.