

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Sunday, June 20th, 11:30am

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Margaret Bragdon, Jeannie Ashmore – Committee Chair, Ralph Ashmore, Karin Elofson – Scribe, Jean Knox, Jan Thomas, Stephanie Eliot, Cathy Gritman

1) **Call to Order** – Jeannie

2) **Opening Prayer** – Rev Will

3) **Approval of Minutes** – May 23rd minutes were approved as written, however it was noted that there will be no segregation of vaccinated and unvaccinated parishioners.

4) **New Business**

a) New Plates and Silverware

i) Ralph presented his research into Corelle plates and 18/10 stainless steel silverware.

ii) A motion was made and approved to purchase 48 sets, plus some extra teaspoons; this totals approximately \$700.

iii) \$300 has already been collected; an announcement will be made from the pulpit regarding the special collection and a collection box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall for 2 weeks. Checks will be made out to New Brackett Church with a note on the memo line indicating 'for plates'.

iv) If additional money is needed, it will be reviewed by the Board at the July 13th meeting; it is likely that a designated fund could cover the amount.

b) Jeannie asked for 'card-bombing' for Brownie for his 95th birthday Tuesday, June 22nd; cards to be sent to the Ashmore address.

5) **Unfinished Business**

a) Affiliation Process

i) Worship Team to take responsibility for developing a Covenant statement that will then be presented to the Assembly for approval.

ii) Covenant to be approved by Assembly by end July 2021; to be reviewed by UCC team 2nd Tuesday in August.

iii) Rev Will to provide examples of covenants; to be sent out with these minutes.

iv) Special covenant meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th at 4pm. This will be in person in Fellowship Hall.

b) Sunday Services

i) Starting Sunday, August 29th, the last Sunday of the month will be led by the laity. Content and music will still be reviewed and approved by Rev Will and Jan.

ii) Service Notes

(1) Lighting of the chalice will be added at the start of the service.

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- (2) The chalice will not be extinguished at the end of the service – to continue to send the light out into the world.
 - (3) Stephanie asked for an explanation of the candle lighting and chalice lighting be presented during an upcoming service.
 - (4) Discussion continues on whether a special chalice holder will be bought/commissioned/created.
- c) Choir
- i) The choir is also meeting on Thursdays for additional singing time.
 - ii) New Hymnals – *not discussed during June 20th meeting.*
 - (1) Rev Will to talk to Jan about forming a Hymnal Advisory Team.
 - (2) Two recommendations are *New Century Hymnal* (UCC) and *Singing the Living Tradition* (UUA). Do we want both??
- d) Eucharist Service
- i) Joy to lead; *no update during June 20th meeting.*
- e) Nurturer to be re-hired. Rev Will to confirm with Mica whether they are interested before putting a posting in Next Door.
- i) Rev Will to ask Tonya and Gigi and Jessica what they are currently doing for childcare. Would knowing there is a nurturer impact their decision to come to services with their children?
- f) Welcoming Visitors – *not discussed during June 20th meeting.*
- i) Karin offered to generate a tri-fold pamphlet or postcard to inform visitors about our church, including directing them to the website.
 - ii) Greeter(s) to be organized, preferably for a month at a time. Greeter will offer new people a name tag, invite them to fellowship after the service, and will perhaps introduce them at a point in the service.
- g) Orientation program for new members – *not discussed during June 20th meeting.*
- i) Must be developed per NBC bylaws.
- h) Prayer Shawl Group
- i) Prayer Shawl group meeting at Wally's at 10:30am on Fridays.
- i) Rev Will's and Tyler's Wedding Party – Saturday, July 24th
- i) Day after party, Sunday, July 25th service to be music centric, no message.
 - ii) Some members of the congregation would like to prepare food for the wedding; Rev Will to discuss with Caterer Bethany Glatz and let group know what is needed.

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- iii) Church to cover cost of wedding cake; collection box to be placed in the Fellowship Hall. If additional funds are needed, it will be reviewed by the Board at the July 13th meeting and a source of the additional money identified.

6) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 1pm.

7) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, July 18th, 11:30am.