

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Sunday, August 15th, 11:35am

Attendees: Rev Will Green, Margaret Bragdon, Jeannie Ashmore – Committee Chair, Karin Elofson – Scribe, Jan Thomas, Cathy Gritman, Joanne Sterling, Linda Capone-Newton

1) Call to Order – Jeannie

2) Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Chalice – Rev Will

3) Approval of Minutes – July 18th minutes were approved as written; however, it was noted that the lay led service was actually August 8th and not August 29th.

4) Unfinished Business

a) Covenant

- i) Linda would like approved covenant to be written in nice script and placed on the front hallway bulletin board.
- ii) Linda would like the church history to be redone with bullet points and placed on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, along with some complete copies; Karin took that action item.

b) New Plates and Silverware

- i) Jeannie took the action to identify and purchase **60 sets** of
 - (1) 8 ½” luncheon size Corelle plates
 - (2) 18 oz Corelle soup bowls
 - (3) 6 ¾” Corelle dessert plates
 - (4) 18/10 Stainless Steel Flatware sets – fork, knife and teaspoon - *Done*
 - (5) 18/10 Stainless Steel soup spoons - *Done*
 - (6) Optional 18/10 Hostess Set - *Done*
 - (7) Additional 18/10 Stainless Steel teaspoons
- ii) Also approved was purchase of dirty/clean carts for use with the dishwasher and mats for the kitchen floor to avoid slips.
- iii) Jeannie to research best place to purchase ~8 oz. water/juice glasses (glass or reusable plastic).

c) Sunday Services

- i) Sunday, August 29th, Rev Cheryl Anderson from UCC to give message; Rev Justine Sullivan (UUA) to light chalice.
- ii) Next laity-led service to be November 14th (Rev Will out of town). Topic – climate change.
- iii) Follow-up to service on August 8th:

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- (1) Joanne indicates that there is Wabanaki REACH programming specific to churches.
 - (2) More information is requested about legislation that Caron mentioned.
 - (3) Jan noted that there is already legislation on K thru 12; plan to follow-up with PIES on what is being done there.
- d) Choir
- i) New Hymnals –
 - (1) Rev Will, Jan and Choir to review options.
 - (2) UCC Hymnal is very similar to current Methodist hymnal.
 - (3) Other considerations: *Singing the Living Tradition* (UUA) and supplemental songbook.
- e) Eucharist Service
- i) Joy to lead; *not discussed during August 15th meeting.*
- f) Nurturer
- i) Nurturer to be re-hired. Rev Will has confirmed with Mica that they are not interested. Jeannie to provide previous ad for a nurturer, to be placed in Next Door.
 - ii) It would be good to identify nurturer in the near term so that they can participate in Kindness Training set for Sept 7th at 6:30pm.
 - iii) Lulu to be notified that this budgeted expense will be re-starting.
- g) Welcoming Visitors
- i) Cards to be put in back of pews for visitors to provide some limited information, if they wish. Linda C-N has some examples to share.
 - ii) Greeter(s) to be organized; Jeannie to solicit names.
- h) Orientation program for new members, as per NBC bylaws – Margaret offered to develop this with Rev Will. Others may also present.
- i) UUA Chalice – Karin was authorized to purchase a chalice, as shown below.



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- j) Passing of the Peace – Rev Will to try use of bells to signal that people should return to their seats.
- k) Joys and Concerns – it is often hard to hear when people share their joys and concerns.
 - i) Jeannie to contact Larry Ducharme about getting existing audio system working.
 - ii) It is hardest to hear members of the choir from the rear of the church.
 - iii) Rev Will to research cost of wireless microphone system.

5) New Business

- a) Logo – it was proposed that we hire a graphic artist to design a logo for the church.
Karin recommended that this be part of the re-naming effort scheduled for early 2022.

6) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 12:45pm.

7) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, September 19th, 11:30am, in person.