

## New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

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Date/Time: Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 1:00pm, Zoom

In attendance: Cathy Gritman, Jeannie Ashmore, Linda Capone-Newton, Will Green, Karin Elofson (scribe), Joanne Sterling, Jan Thomas, Sarah Ingraham, Tookie Harris

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer from *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh and read the Covenant.
- 3) March 20<sup>th</sup> minutes approved as distributed.
- 4) Topics
  - a) Easter
    - i) Good Friday Service, Son Rise and Easter Services went well.
    - ii) Egg Hunt was great! Next year, all Island families that come for the Easter Egg Hunt will be intentionally invited to fellowship lunch.
    - iii) It is recommended that the altar area have many lilies for Easter and that congregants will pay for them and take them home.
  - b) Covenant poster now hung in the Fellowship Hall – looks great!
  - c) Signage on outside of building waiting for decision on Church name.
    - i) General consensus is to add ‘Community’ to church name.
    - ii) Georgette Fehrenbach has volunteered to research the Brackett family on Peaks and give a summary. Reta Morrill and Kim MacIsaac are also good sources of historical information.
    - iii) Will to give a sermon on naming and the power of names.
    - iv) **Action Item:** Church Board to create timeline for closing on name and getting new external sign(s) for Church.
  - d) Welcoming Package – Anne working with Lisa Peñalver on tri-fold pamphlet; draft sent out to several people for feedback.
  - e) Jan noted that Charles Burr is no longer tuning pianos. Jan will find another tuner.
  - f) Janitorial Topics:
    - i) Linda C-N, Joanne, Wally, Ellen Mahoney and Stephanie Eliot cleaned the pews with Murphy Oil Soap and thoroughly vacuumed before Easter – deep gratitude!!
    - ii) The Church vacuum is not commercial grade and this lead to less than ideal result – some complaints from the volunteer team!
    - iii) There seems to be some general complaints that level of cleanliness is not sufficient – bathrooms, kitchen floor, sanctuary pews and floors.  
**Action item:** Does Linda’s contract need further detail? Board to review.

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- iv) Jeannie to look into getting a commercial carpet cleaner to come for the Church and Parsonage. They will need enough business to make it worth their time. Karin also has carpets for cleaning.

### g) Worship Themes

- i) April 24<sup>th</sup> will have a disability theme.
- ii) May 1<sup>st</sup> – Mission Statement
- iii) May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mothers’ Day with Prayer Shawls display
- iv) May 15<sup>th</sup> – Importance of a Name
- v) May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Will on vacation; *The Mountain that Loved a Bird*, several people to read.
- vi) May 29<sup>th</sup> – UUA’s Greatest Hits
  - (1) **Action item:** Board to review and approve purchase of an additional 15 UUA Hymnals and 15 UCC New Century Hymnals.
- vii) June 5<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost
- viii) June 12<sup>th</sup> – UCC Logo
- ix) June 19<sup>th</sup> – UUA Flaming Chalice
- x) June 26<sup>th</sup> – TBD
- xi) July 3<sup>rd</sup> – TBD
- xii) July 10<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Anderson – Talk on Jesus and Buddha

### h) Communion Services

- i) There is a proposal to make gluten-free bread together as a spiritual practice; Hannigan’s also has gluten-free bread for sale.

### i) Service/Fellowship Support Team

- i) It seems most important to get two greeters lined up for each Sunday; these greeters would also help with collecting the offering.
- ii) Lighting of the Chalice, carrying in the cross and flame can generally be supported by volunteers in real-time.
- iii) Tookie has put out new list of Fellowship hosts; weekly pot-luck seems to be working well.

5) Next **Worship Committee** meeting is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at **12:30pm** via Zoom.

6) Next **UUA/UCC Integration** meeting is Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at **1:00pm** via Zoom.