

New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

Date/Time: Sunday, May 15th, 2022, 12:30pm, Zoom

In attendance: Cathy Gritman, Jeannie Ashmore, Linda Capone-Newton, Will Green, Karin Elofson (scribe), Joanne Sterling, Tookie Harris, Margo Mallar

- 1) Call to order by Jeannie
- 2) Rev. Will offered a prayer and lit a candle.
- 3) April 21st minutes approved as distributed.
- 4) Topics
 - a) Church Name.
 - i) Church Board committed to have naming activities fully complete by November Annual Meeting.
 - ii) An event will be scheduled in June to review Brackett Family history. For completeness, other families involved in the development of the church will be noted.
 - b) Welcoming Package – Anne working with Lisa Peñalver on tri-fold pamphlet; draft sent out to several people for feedback. *Review of this action moved to Bridge Committee.*
 - c) Janitorial Topics:
 - i) Church Board is reviewing Linda's contract and the included list of responsibilities. Updates may be needed.
 - ii) Signage in the kitchen to be updated to indicate that all dirty dishes, cups and silverware be put in dishwasher racks, at a minimum!
 - iii) A list of event contact names will be prepared; Will to ask AA and AI Anon leads if they are comfortable sharing their names.
 - iv) **Ongoing** - 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.
 - d) Worship Themes
 - i) May 22nd – Will on vacation; *The Mountain that Loved a Bird*, several people to read. Lulu to build mountain of rocks.
 - ii) May 29th – This was intended to be a singing service including UUA's Greatest Hits, but, given ongoing COVID concerns, Rev Will will choose a new topic.
 - (1) Board reviewed request to purchase an additional 15 UUA Hymnals and 15 UCC New Century Hymnals and opted to wait until the congregation is singing again.
 - iii) June 5th – Pentecost

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- iv) June 12th – UCC Logo
 - v) June 19th – UUA Flaming Chalice
 - vi) June 26th – TBD
 - vii) July 3rd – TBD
 - viii) July 10th – Cheryl Anderson – Talk on Jesus and Buddha
 - e) Eucharist Service
 - i) No Eucharist Services on 5/28 (due to Art Auction) and on 6/4 (due to funeral).
 - f) Meditation Service
 - i) As Margo will be in New Hampshire for the summer, there needs to be a plan for the meditation service, either hiatus or alternate leader(s).
 - g) 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) Weekly potluck is not working as well as hoped; Tookie is cooking every week. Rev Will to remind congregation to bring dishes to share – and not just desserts! 😊
 - iii) Fellowship food to be served indoors but some chairs will be set up on the lawn for those that feel more comfortable eating outdoors, given current COVID levels.
 - h) Great Course Series – *America's Long Struggle Against Slavery*
 - i) Donated by Roy Mottla; 30 ½ hour lectures on DVD plus written material
 - ii) Rev Will to talk to Book Group about how we might use this material and if it should be opened to the Island.
- 5) Next **Worship Committee** meeting is Sunday, June 19th at **12:30pm** via Zoom.
- 6) Next **UUA/UCC Integration** meeting is Thursday, June 23rd at **1:00pm** via Zoom.