

## New Brackett Church Worship Committee Minutes

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Date/Time: Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 family 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Will on vacation; *The Mountain that Loved a Bird*, several people to read. Lulu to build mountain of rocks.
    - ii) May 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost

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- iv) June 12<sup>th</sup> – UCC Logo
  - v) June 19<sup>th</sup> – UUA Flaming Chalice
  - vi) June 26<sup>th</sup> – TBD
  - vii) July 3<sup>rd</sup> – TBD
  - viii) July 10<sup>th</sup> – 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 19<sup>th</sup> at **12:30pm** via Zoom.
- 6) Next **UUA/UCC Integration** meeting is Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at **1:00pm** via Zoom.