

Bridge Committee Minutes
Zoom, 7-21-21 4:00

Attendance

Linda Capone-Newton (chair), Anne Coughlin (scribe), Karin Elofson, Rev. Will Green, Tookie Harris, Andrea Rosenberg, Joanne Sterling

FUN CAMP (Andrea).

Update

Just completed a great week with positive feedback

Next session, August 2-6 "Rough and Tumble" camp fully staffed

Planning for Fall, tentative at this point. Considering arts focused Wednesday after school and maybe one weekend afternoon

Program still in the black

Possibility of an administrator joining the project

Discussion

Need to plan for applying for grant support for future camps. Look at Maine Community Fund, PIC, CBIA, others. Concern noted that some funders will only make a single grant to an agency in a year—so need to look at fun camp in context of broader NBC goals Joanne will begin research

Suggestions: 1) spin off camp and make NBC fiscal agent(food pantry model). 2) expand grant to permit expanded programming, perhaps to teens and or young adults, under umbrella of "community building"3) programming for seniors also a real need; lots lost over last few years
Key question to committee from board: "what is our goal for all this?"

DIRECTORY (Tookie)

Update

Doing well. Delivering last material to printer this week, meeting with printer next week.

Aiming for mid-August delivery. Will send cost estimate to committee ASAP

Next steps

Plan dissemination of directories

Delete current references to Directory from website

Identify how to link Directory to PI Information Exchange

Plan debriefing session for entire project, probably in September

RUMMAGE SALE

Dates: October 9, 10, 11

Location: Church

Drop off: beginning September 18

Discussion. Storage is major concern. Tookie will research cost and feasibility of storage tent(s), pods or other alternatives. Purchase cost will need to go to Assembly for approval because not in budget.

Consensus that long term, an ongoing thrift store is desired goal. More revenue, less work.

Suggestion that we start "buzz" in hope location options might emerge.

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR (Andrea)

Proposed dates August 21 or 28. Andrea will confirm date. In person at church.
Presenter is open to our request for local focus, and attention to action follow
Publicize in STAR, NextDoor, Carol Islandlist

DRUM CIRCLE (Karin)

Mike supports opening Circle to whole island
Anna Gret Baer (?) willing to teach—full day class, up to 10 people, cost \$150

BEAN SUPPER (Linda)

Original concept to celebrate 200 anniversary of Maine. After calendar issues considered,
decided to move event to March 2022 (202 anniversary)

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER: Will

Will will follow-up with Susan Hanley to find out if she is interested in doing the dinner this year.

ANTI RACISM TASK FORCE (Will)

Small group. Looking at how (whether) to coordinate with Portland's recently released anti-racism
report and recommendations. Jody Holiday has followed up with 5th Maine to better incorporate
Wabanaki history and presence. Status of other Wabanaki related suggestions unclear.

Related: NBC book group preparing program based on The Gathering for Aug 8 service

WARMING AND COOLING CENTER

Good to go. Noted a need for communication plan to go out to the community. The details have been
finalized for the warming center, we will need to add the cooling center concept.

Nothing new to report for FAMILY PROMISE or SOCIAL JUSTICE MUSIC GRANT