**Minutes for August 4, 2021 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

**Theme for 2020-2021: How can we be mindful and authentic in cherishing all life?**

In Attendance: Adeline Bailey, Randy Kidder, Martha McGovern, Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke

Chalice Lighting: Sharing of positives in our lives

1. Minutes of the July 7 meeting were approved [**Thank you, Adeline**, for writing and sharing them.]
2. Moving Forward with Virtual Worship and Return to In-Church Services: How is it going? What are next steps? The group agreed that we need to continue a virtual outreach, especially via Zoom. Our understanding is that Facebook live-streaming will be discontinued but a recording of the service will be posted later.
3. Correspondence: Martha has sent a thank you note to Rebecca Phillips and Zena Grecni for their reflections.
4. Financial Matters: Zena has generously donated her $150 honorarium to FUUSM. Annie recommended that we note that donation as “in kind” so that the actual cost of providing worship services is evident. Kat - $250 donation online to UU The Vote and request for reimbursement???

Based on our rate schedule and the usual charges by the guest speakers, the committee pre-approved stipends for Jim O’Donnell - $75, Lawrence Greene - $150, and Andrew McKnight - $200.

We also discussed the need for a donation to the Marietta College Planetarium. We will check past practice and email to approve action.

Adeline will facilitate a donation of $100 to the UU Church that is the source of the pre-recorded service scheduled for August 8. **Again, thank you, Adeline, for making all the arrangements for the in-church service for August 8.**

1. Other groups (Board, Board of Trust Governors, Caring Committee, Building & Grounds, Membership, BRIDGES, Finance) to taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service? Need to approach groups and ask them to do an informational component to a worship service and perhaps to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event.

FUTURE Worship Services

Martha will check with Rob McManus about rescheduling his reflection on Leadership – Oct? Nov?

June

 \*6 Kat – Flower Communion

 13 Kat – Change of Heart & Mind David Torbett guest speaker

 20 Going to the Well of Living Waters – Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd

Meadville-Lombard

 27 General Assembly Worship Service – pre-recorded

July

 4 Kat - “Dreamers All – Striving Toward the Ideal”

 \*11 Rebecca Phillips WL – “Growing Your Own National Park”

18 Kat – “How Do We Grow and Enhance Our Diversity?”

25 Kat – “Widening the Circle of Concern and Involvement”

August

 \*1 Zena Grecni – “Vulnerability and Resilience” WL: Martha McGovern

 8 Planetarium Visit Ann Bragg – “The Sky Tonight & Oasis in Space”

parallel service – Following Both Paths – Science & Spirituality WL: A. Bailey

Zoom & Watch Party in Sanctuary

 15 “How Can We Keep from Singing?” Martha Webster & Choir WL: Suzyn Mills

Zoom & Watch Party in Sanctuary

 22 Suzyn Mills – WL “Logan’s Cabin: Insight into Multiethnic Living on the Ohio

Frontier” – Jim O’Donnell Zoom & Watch Party in Sanctuary

 29 Kat – “Trekking Through Our Seasons” guest speaker – Sandra Bush

September

 5 Kat – “Racial Justice & Building Community through Drumming” – guest speaker

 Lawrence Green (drummer)

 12 Kat – Water In-Gathering

 19 “Taking UU Principles with a Grain of Pepper” [UU Humor] George Banziger,

Piyush Shukla, Martha McGovern

 26 WL – Suzyn Mills Andrew McKnight

October

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 24 Social Justice Issues of Domestic Violence – Annie Warmke

 31 Day of the Dead ? Check with Jane Tumas-Serna

November

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 21 Kat - Thanksgiving

 28 [ADVENT starts and eve of Hanukkah]

December

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January

 2 Fire Communion

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 16 MLK

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 30 Homecoming – inviting former pastors, friends and members to attend via Zoom

or pre-recorded statements for a reunion

February

 6 Chinese New Year celebration as a participatory worship service

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