**Minutes of October 6, 2021 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

Attendance: Adeline Bailey, Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Annie Warmke

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

Chalice Lighting: #553 Nancy Wood

Earth cure me. Earth receive my woe.

Rock strengthen me. Rock receive my weakness.

Rain wash my sadness away. Rain receive my doubt.

Sun make sweet my song. Sun receive the anger from my heart.

1. Minutes of the August/September meetings approved
2. Moving Forward with Virtual Worship and Return to In-Church Services: Do we need to adjust as Delta variant impacts the area? How is hybrid approach going? What are next steps?

*The group feels that, for the near future, worship services can be held as we are doing; that is, on Zoom, in-person with masks and distancing, and posted on Facebook. To increase involvement, however, we recommend:*

* *Use of chat to message specific persons*
* *Use of chat to contribute joys/sorrows/thoughts at designated time in the service*
* *Use of break-out rooms*
* *Establishment of ZOOM Greeter Team: Person would serve about one time each month. Duty would be to welcome participants as they enter and to see how they are and whether they have a Joy or Sorrow.*

*For the upcoming memorial services, the committee recommends offering Zoom for those who do not want to attend, in-person in the Sanctuary for those vaccinated and masked, and zoom access in Social Hall for those not vaccinated.*

1. Correspondence: Martha has sent a thank you note to Ann Bragg for the planetarium presentation and to Rebecca Phillips and Zena Grecni for their reflections. Suzyn sent thank you notes to Professor O’Donnell and Andrew McKnight. Adeline sent a thank you to the speaker featured in August 8 service.

Will be sent to *Martha Webster Lawrence Green George B Piyush S*

1. Financial Matters: Zena has generously donated her $150 honorarium to FUUSM. Annie’s recommendation that we note that donation as “in kind” has been passed on to Steve and Maggie. Kat - $250 donation online to UU The Vote and request for reimbursement???

Suzyn Mills has completed paperwork for honoraria for Jim O’Donnell - $75 and Andrew McKnight - $200. Kat - Lawrence Greene - $150?

Martha has completed the paperwork for the donation of $100 to Ann Bragg, Director of the Planetarium.

Adeline has facilitated 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.
2. Annie Warmke – idea for outside presenter: Tom Milhollan is with the Pennsylvania Washington County Historical Society. His specialty is the Abolitiionist Movement and the Underground Railroad. The Society operates the LeMayne House in Washington, PA. The case of John Davis is one topic he might address.
3. Holiday Card Project: Adeline Bailey will consult with other organizers to plan for the project.

**FUTURE Worship Services**

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

3 Kat – Reverence for All Life UU+ Book Club

10 Kat – What Does It Mean to Be a Welcoming Congregation?

[Jane T-S on Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day – where fit in?]

17 Kat & Martha – Reflecting on a Deeper Recovery

24 Suzyn Mills – WL “The Road to Thriving: What does it take, how can we get it for

ourselves, and how can we help others achieve it?” – Annie Warmke

Choir: “I Ask for One Day” by Jim Papoulis (pre-recorded)

31 Kat - Day of the Dead (Jane T-S)

November *Choir – “Music Changes the World”\*\* by Jim Papoulis Recommend 11/21 or 28*

*[MW not avail – 11/14]*

7 Navigating Uncertainty – Kat & Board (brainstorming session after service)

14 Guest Speaker – Rob McManus, Ph.D. “The Ethic of the Common Good”

21 Kat - Thanksgiving

28 [ADVENT starts and eve of Hanukkah] (after service – garlands on fence)

December *Choir – “Winter” music by Anthony Giamanco, words by Walter de la Mare, arranged by Andy Beck Which date or dates? 12/12 or 19 and Christmas Eve*

5 Ribbon Ceremony Martha will invite Office of Inclusion & Diversity of MC to

participate

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Christmas Eve 24 Friday

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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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\*\*Lyrics of “Music Changes the World” by Jim Papoulis

There must be a way to change the world, to join our hearts and find the hope;

There must be a way that we can see the simple truth: music changes the world.

There must be a way that we can sing and show the world what we can be;

There must be a way that we can see the simple truth: music changes the world.

If we want to change, we will have to learn we can overcome one by one;

Lift each other up and we can believe in a world that can be.

There must be a way that we can learn to join our hands and stand as one;

There must be a way that we can see the simple truth we know is there,

And as we sing, music changes the world.

There must be a way to change the world.

Spoken Words:

In order to make a true change in the world, I will pledge to myself

To have acceptance of others

To be more tolerant

To be a kind, considerate person.

I will look within myself, and only then can I make a real change in the world.