**Agenda for January 5, 2022 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

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

Chalice Lighting: “You don’t have to *understand* life. You just have to live it.” – The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

1. Minutes of December to be approved.
2. Annie Warmke: Update on Homecoming Project. Some ideas generated:
3. Establish a committee with representation from W & M Committee.
4. Launch the project in a worship service that includes 3 stories of favorite memories of UU/FUUSM involvement and why they are UU.
5. Determine process for collecting other stories – perhaps workshops.
6. Share the stories in services, on Youtube, on Facebook.
7. Hold culminating celebratory event in summer.
8. Persons to contact for ideas about collecting stories: Jane Tumas-Serna, Peg Clifford

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1. Reflection on suggestions for Moving Forward with Virtual Worship and Return to In-Church Services: *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.*
2. Reflection on methods of increasing involvement*:*

* *Clear sign-off between public and private segments of service*

Suggested script: To those of you watching us on Facebook Live, we thank you for joining us. For privacy reasons, we will be leaving Facebook now in order to share Joys & Sorrows just on Zoom and in-person in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you again next week.

* *Use of chat to message specific persons*
* *Control of Chat so the worship service is not interrupted*

Annie reports that shutting down “chat” on Zoom is easy. Just click on the chat icon. A box comes up with some little icons and to the right of them are 3 dots. Click on the dots and it gives the option to shut off “chat.”

* *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.*

Annie has been serving as the Greeter on Zoom.

1. Correspondence:
2. Financial Matters: Rob McManus (Nov. 14 guest speaker) has chosen to donate the $75 stipend to the Worship & Music Committee. Martha has notified Steve & Maggie of that donation. Kat - $250 donation online to UU The Vote and request for reimbursement??? Kat - Lawrence Greene - $150?
3. Involvement of Congregation in Worship Services and other groups:

Finance is scheduled for January 23 Sunday service in conjunction with pledge drive start.

Need to talk with other groups (Board of Trust Governors, Caring Committee, Building & Grounds, Membership, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service?

Need to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event?

1. Holiday Card Project: Update from Adeline Bailey
2. Reflection on Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love), worship services and decoration:

What went well:

What to improve/change:

1. Reflection on Design of the Christmas Eve service:

What went well:

What to improve/change:

1. Update on Friday/Saturday Display: Kat & Jane As part of the Festival of Lights for Marietta, Kat and Jane have created a display that features Hanukkah and Winter Solstice. On Fridays and Saturdays, Jane, Kat, or other volunteers will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m., and the trolley tour will come by.

**FUTURE Worship Services**

December

5 **PEACE** Ribbon Ceremony

12 Seize **JOY**

19 **LOVE** Is All You Need

Winter Solstice Spiral 21 Tuesday (6 p.m.)

Family Candlelight Christmas Eve 24 Friday

26 Kwanzaa

January

2 Kat Fire Communion

9 Kat Eyes to See and Ears to Hear

16 A Third Reconstruction MLK

23 *Finance Committee (Pledge Drive)* W & M provide framework components

30 Chinese New Year -participatory worship service (Year of the Tiger)

February

6 “Not Just a Church - Renovating Our Spiritual Home” (3 stories)

Observing Founders Day & Launching the Homecoming Project – inviting former

pastors, friends and members to attend via Zoom or pre-recorded statements for

a reunion

13 Service to honor World Interfaith Harmony Week (Feb. 1-7) McGovern?

20 *UN – World Day for Social Justice*

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March

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