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

**In Attendance: Adeline Bailey, Kat Hawbaker, Randall Kidder, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Suzyn Mills**

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

**NEXT MEETING – Wed., FEBRUARY 2, 5:00 p.m. BE THINKING ABOUT MARCH SERVICES!!!**

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 1 meeting were approved.
2. Annie Warmke was not present to give an update on Homecoming Project, but she sent an email with information and process:
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. [Because of the recent surge of the Omicron variant, in-person attendance is not being encouraged.]*
2. Reflection on methods of increasing involvement*:* We have made progress on some of the suggested methods. Probably the one we need to attend to most is the Greeters.

* *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: Martha will send thank you notes to those who have presented in recent services.
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 has made the $250 donation online to UU The Vote and request for reimbursement. Kat has arranged for the payment of 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: Adeline Bailey reported that at least 900 cards were delivered on December 10, 2021. The project involved many members and friends of FUUSM, including Diane McMichael and John Maddox, two original organizers of the project. Cynthia Ting was very helpful in reaching out to families. Recipients of the cards and staff at their facilities were very appreciative. Kat added that the office has received several thank you cards.
2. Reflection on Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love), worship services and decoration:

What went well: Using the conceptual wreaths as decoration in parallel with the Advent candles emphasized the content and added continuity to the season. The committee sends a special THANK YOU to Jane Tumas-Serna, Kat, Andrew Clovis, Gary Hamilton and the Men’s Group, Cynthia Ting, and Virginia Henthorn.

What to improve/change:

1. Reflection on Design of the Christmas Eve service:

What went well: Attendance was solid at 45. The young people were glad to be involved in the service, especially with the lighting of the candles. The Choir performance was able to be included. The pacing was thoughtful, and the simple service was very moving.

What to improve/change: We can be clearer about the “lighting” of the battery-operated candles for those new to the service.

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)* Martha McGovern – WL

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

February

6 Kat and WLs – Annie Warmke, Roger Kalter “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 - WL

20 Suzyn Mills – WL Visit the Wider UU World We’ll take a virtual fieldtrip to the

First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, NY.

11:00 a.m. as usual. Available on Zoom and on Facebook Live at “First

Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn”

Please check Zoom Link for accuracy. I wasn’t sure about capital I or lower case l, OR g or q. Also, do we need a pass code? Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/446539271?pwd=QUZVRVV3ZWpgTTBMRHlZV3RQb2lPdz09> (*UN – World Day for Social Justice)*

27 Kat – Black Lives Matter (Breathe by Imani Perry and Defund Fear by Nick Jones)

March

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