**Minutes of February 2, 2022 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

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

**Theme for 2020-2022: How can we be mindful and authentic in cherishing all life?**

Chalice Lighting: “I am a living member of the great family of all souls.” William Ellery Channing

1. Minutes of January 5 were approved.
2. **Annie Warmke gave an update on Homecoming Project**:
3. Establish a committee with representation from W & M Committee.
4. Launch the project in a worship service that includes 3 pre-recorded stories of favorite memories of UU/FUUSM involvement and why they are UU.
5. Other stories are being collected as people respond to the appeal for short videos. Other methods? perhaps workshops.
6. Share the stories in services, on Youtube, on Facebook.
7. On the first Sunday of each month, the focus will be on the Homecoming Project. A template for that series of services will be established. For example: a story of FUUSM’s history, a statement of a FUUSM member or information about a FUUSM member.
8. Hold culminating celebratory event in summer – date July 29-31.
9. Persons to contact for ideas about collecting stories: Jane Tumas-Serna

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1. Reflection on methods of increasing involvement*:* We have made progress on some of the suggested methods. Probably the ones we need to attend to most are the **Greeters and Time for All Ages**.
* *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, to identify whether*

*they are newcomers, returnees, or current members/friends, and to see how they*

*are and whether they have a Joy or Sorrow.*

*We need to establish a core group and a schedule.* Annie is willing to continue to serve as the Greeter on Zoom on the first Sunday of each month.

*For Zoom, perhaps we can compose a placard for the screen and ask newcomers*

*or returnees to send their names and contact information via chat to a particular*

*person/role.*

* *For those in the Sanctuary, do we have a sign-in book or a card to*

*place in the collection plate?*

* *Perhaps we need to add a sentence to the default Welcome. Example: If you are*

*a visitor or newcomer, please help us get to know you by completing the contact*

*card and placing it in the collection plate.*

* Time for All Ages – Shulkas have expressed interest. How can we incorporate it

again into the service? As in the past, have a team and establish a schedule.

1. Correspondence: Martha has sent thank you notes to Mike Lang, Karen Binkley, George Banziger for January 23 service – Finance Committee and Pledge Drive.
2. Financial Matters: Payment of $30 made to Barnwell Notes, Inc. for use of “We Are” by Dr. Ysaye Barnwell in February 13 service. [Donation by M. McGovern]
3. Involvement of Congregation in Worship Services and other groups:

Reflection on service provided by the Finance Committee, January 23 Sunday in conjunction with pledge drive start:

What went well – humorous, informative, positive, effective communication and demonstration of momentum for action

What to improve, change -

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?

**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 Kat A Third Reconstruction MLK

 23 *Finance Committee (Pledge Drive)* Martha McGovern – WL

 30 Kat Chinese New Year -All Ages 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”

 (*UN – World Day for Social Justice)*

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

 **Choir** – “Become Yourself” words & music by Vicki Tucker Courtney

**March Choir –** “Deep Peace I Send to You” words by Fiona Macleod (William Sharp) from

*Under the Dark Star* and music by Douglas E. Wagner

*2 – Ash Wed.*

 **6** Kat Homecoming and The Auction: Cooperation as a Community

*13 -- Daylight Savings*

 **13** Lay-led Service A March of Women’s Lives

*16 - Purim*

 **20** Kat World Water Day

 **27** Kat Balance & Equity? International Day of Remembrance of Victims of

Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade?

**April Choir** – “I Will Sing” words & music by Andy Beck

*2 – Ramadan*

 **3** Kat Homecoming: The Power of Giving & Service

*10 – Palm Sunday*

 **10** Kat

*15 – Good Friday, Passover*

*17 – Easter*

 **17** Kat ??

*22 – Earth Day*

 **24** Green Sanctuary??

**May Choir** – “Tumekuja Kuimba” (We Have Come to Sing!) words & music by Lynn Zettlemoyer

 **1** Homecoming: Social Justice

*8 – Mothers Day*

 **8**

 **15**

 **22**

 **29**

*30 – Memorial Day*

**JUNE**

 **5** Homecoming: Diversity/Equality

 **12**

*19 – Fathers Day*

 **19**

 **26**

**July**

 **3**

 **10**

 **17**

 **24**

 **31 Homecoming**