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

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

Chalice Lighting: “Connection is the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.” (p. 170 *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene’ Brown)

1. Minutes of February 2 were approved.
2. **Annie Warmke -- update on Homecoming Project**:
3. Establish a committee with representation from W & M Committee.
4. Continue collecting stories of favorite memories of UU/FUUSM involvement and why they are UU. These should be sent to Annie.
5. Share the stories in services, on Youtube, on Facebook.
6. On the first Sunday of each month, the focus will be on the Homecoming Project. A template for that series of services has been established. (February - FUUSM’s history, March – Cooperation as a Community, April – The Power of Giving & Service, May – Social Justice Efforts, June – Diversity & Equality)
7. Hold culminating celebratory event in summer – date July 29-31.

Kat – Blennerhassett Hotel as site ????

1. Dance Card to encourage outreach and reconnection.
2. Persons to contact for ideas about collecting stories and creating a display: Jane Tumas-Serna.
3. Please see Proposed Budget Request for 2022-2023 sent in separate email.
4. Please see emailed inquiry about being part of committee formulating Pianist’s new contract. Let me know.
5. Update on progress with methods of increasing involvement: 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. Elaine Barr as Membership Committee Chair serves when she is available.

*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.*

1. Time for All Ages – We appreciate the Shulkas’ contributions and interest. We

will identify 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. Reflection on recent service: Virtual Field Trip to Brooklyn First Unitarian Congregational Society.

What went well – Surprised how traditional the service was, reflection was impressive and mind-expanding, good idea overall to see variety of spaces, practices

What to improve, change – Schedule virtual visits in the future, once per quarter? Add Joys & Sorrows candles to ritual – light candles as enter Sanctuary, share only a few orally during service? Use virtual visits to connect with former members/friends?

1. 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**

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**

*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 & Martha International Day of Remembrance of Victims of

Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade?

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

**April Choir:** Benedicta Es (“Blessed Be”) by Chris Carol, arranged by Susan Schleef

“A Hundred Years Hence” Frances Dana Barker Gage

*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** Suggested Time for All Ages: *No Time for Mother’s Day* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**15**

**22**

**29**

*30 – Memorial Day*

**JUNE**

**5** Homecoming: Diversity/Equality

**12**

*19 – Fathers Day*

**19**

**26**

**July**

**3**

**10**

**17**

**24**

**31 Homecoming**