**Agenda for September 7, 2022 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

**5:00 p.m. – in person, in the Parlor**

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

Chalice Lighting: Rachel Naomi Remen: “And so perhaps this is about our wounds, that the fact is that life is full of losses and disappointments, and the art of living is to make them something that can nourish others.” Tikkun olam – in Hebrew, the task of “restoring the world”

1. Minutes of August meeting to be approved
2. **Annie Warmke -- update on Homecoming Project**:

Plan for Follow-Up:

Sunday Service on August 7 will include displays of photographs taken during the weekend, gathering of responses to questions that can guide future actions.

Procedures will be followed to explore possibility of installation of Concretia in the courtyard. (B & G Committee and then recommendation to Board for decision)

The Homecoming Committee will be submitting a request for reimbursement for the budgeted $400. Proceeds of the raffle for the garden stepping stone will be figured up soon.

1. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement: Probably the ones we need to attend to most are the **Greeters and Time for All Ages**.

* *Establishment of Greeter Team – Zoom and in-person:* Membership Committee with Elaine Barr as Chair Adeline reported that procedures and duties are being revised and a regular schedule of volunteers is being established.
* Time for All Ages – team, schedule, suggested readings

Kat encouraged focused attention on this component of the worship service. The Committee agreed that a first step is to include Time for All Ages in planning all services.

Other actions are to request suggestions from members and friends, to design a worship service around stories, to plan a Women’s Group and a Men’s Group meeting around the question of favorite or most helpful/powerful stories, to write a piece for The Confluence. Martha McG volunteered to lead this effort.

Suggested New Books:

*No Time for Mother’s Day* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Martha)

*I Am Golden* by Eva Chen (Martha – Migration - acceptance of Asian ethnicity)

*We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (Martha – inspired by Native American legends and recent actions)

*Time to Fly* by George Ella Lyon (Martha – A story of nurturing and independent)

1. Correspondence: Martha (Cathy Rees, Krissy Kearns)
2. Financial Matters:

Martha Webster has requested reimbursement for purchase of Choir music for 2022-23. Martha McG will check with Ted Goertzel about the status of the music line in the W & M Committee budget and of the special Music Fund (Novaks).

As per her preference, Lace Lynch has received a thank you note and a FUUSM mug in gratitude for her Reflection on July 3.

Per Carol Steinhagen’s request, payment of $75 for Reflection on July 24 has been donated to the local Food Bank in her name.

?? Should Krissy Kearns receive a stipend for her reflection of August 21?

1. Reflection on recent services:

What went well –

What to improve, change –

July 3 Service: Lace Lynch on Nahum Ward

What went well: She connected his life and work to the UU Principles

What to improve: suggest creation of a booklet based on Lace Lynch’s research

The following suggested changes have been implemented:

Communicating Start of Service: Play recorded Call to Worship music as placards are shown on screens/ZOOM and perhaps add bold image or color on placard that states that the service is about to begin. Perhaps add sound (gong, church bells, chime).

Joys and Sorrows after service has drawn to close: Have clear segment with opening statement, sharing, closing statement, perhaps second benediction, invite attendees to continue sharing/conversations in Social Hall during Coffee Hour.

Making Exit from Sanctuary less awkward: Play recorded Going Forth Music briefly as attendees begin to exit the Sanctuary.

1. Need to talk with other groups (Building & Grounds, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service? **Membership is considering a Fall 2022 service.**

Need to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event?

1. 100th Anniversary of The Flower Ceremony – Faithify.org fundraiser search field - flower
2. Ken Walsh – ZOOM - Women in the Old Testament for Reflection? +Story for All Ages?

ZOOM – one-hour workshops on same topic and on The Big Three Characters of the Old Testament (Abraham, Moses & David) ?

**FUTURE Worship Services**

Potential Services:

How to Be an Anti-Racist GA Ware Lecture

Braiding Sweet Grass panel – Adeline Bailey is checking

“LGBTQ: I Am Who I Am” – Wayne Waldeck & Lee Rector

Holy Books – Shavuot, Judaism The Torah

Forgiveness **Rosh Hashanah** New Year’s Day, first of Ten Days of Awe

**Yom Kippur – Oct. 4-5**

**PATTERN:** 1st Sunday – Homecoming, 2nd Sunday – Social Justice, 3rd Sunday – Green Sanctuary

**AUGUST *[Kat away August 19 – back for September 4 service]***

**7 Overview and Retrospective on Homecoming Experience** (Annie & Suzyn)

**14 Kat -** Social Justice Sunday – Intersectionality

Afternoon – Social Justice Danielle Thrasher on Trans

**21** Our Caring CircleCathy Rees & Caring Committee, Guest Speaker Krissy Kearns

on Hospice Services WL: Rebecca Phillips

**28** Art: An Instrument for Building Community Guest Speaker – Geoff Schenkel

WL: Dawn Hewitt

Afternoon – Movie about water protectors

**SEPTEMBER**

**4** Labor Day – Our Relationship with Our Work WL: Martha McGovern

**11 Kat - Water Ceremony** Green Sanctuary

Afternoon – Social Justice – Sierra Club

**18 Kat** – Building a Beloved Community

**25 Kat --** Guest Speaker – Timber Hawkeye on Buddhist Boot Camp

(arranged by Kelcey and Chris Jacobs)

Afternoon – Timber Hawkeye (1:00 to 2:30 p.m.)

**OCTOBER**

**2 Kat –** Yom Kippur Forgiveness (Martha will share materials from Chautauqua)

Blessing of Animals – 4:00 p.m., Courtyard

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**16** Supporting The Thriving of Women (Annie Warmke and Suzyn Mills)

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**30** Kat – Day of the Dead

**NOVEMBER**

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