**Agenda for October 5, 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:

1. Minutes of August meeting were approved (with correction of WLs for Oct. 16)
2. **Annie Warmke -- update on Homecoming Project**:

Plan for Follow-Up:

55 Responses were submitted and Elaine Barr, Chair of the Membership Committee, is creating a spread sheet. One clear recommendation is for inclusion weekly of information about FUUSM (e.g., how to sign up for the newsletter, expectations of friends, how to become a member)

Special after-service coffees will be scheduled in conjunction with tours of the building. The first one will be October 30, when Day of the Dead is observed.

Shari Ballantyne will report the proceeds of the raffle for the garden stepping stone 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:*
* 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
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). Rev. Kat will follow the paper trail to identify whether the budget line or the special fund was the source of the reimbursement.

As per her preference, Lace Lynch will receive a thank you note and a FUUSM mug in gratitude for her Reflection on July 3. – Annie Warmke will deliver it.

1. Reflection on recent services:

What went well –

What to improve, change –

Time for All Ages: We can provide additional guidance on how most effectively to present children’s books.

General Observation: People like a positive vibe to the services and less “staid” elements. Perhaps we need more dancing, more movement, more lively singing.

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. THANKS to Mike Bailey for this addition!

1. 100th Anniversary of The Flower Ceremony – Faithify.org fundraiser search field – flower

The committee members will view the video and be prepared to discuss it at October’s meeting.

1. Purchase of copies of Singing the Journey?

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Need to talk with other groups (Building & Grounds, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service? Membership is considering a service after they feel stabilized.

Need to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event?

Revitalizing Adult RE, perhaps with New UU Workshop both in-person and on ZOOM

Establishing Chalice Circles, perhaps interest-based

Re-thinking Circle Suppers

Reacquaint ourselves with our “liturgical calendar”

Perhaps establish quarterly goals, projects

**FUTURE Worship Services**

Potential Services:

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

Holy Books – Shavuot, Judaism The Torah

Mike Tager – Marietta College, Political Science – guest speaker in 2023

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

**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 ??? Topics?? UU The Vote, Adult RE**

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

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

 **\*9 Kat** Making Decisions in a Democracy: OWL

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

 **\*23 Kat** Sources & Resources of Our Religious Faith – Diversity & Commonality

 **30** Kat – Day of the Dead [Special Coffee + tours – open to public]

**NOVEMBER**

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 **20 Kat -** ALL AGES THANKSGIVING

 **27 Kat - Advent**

**DECEMBER**

 **4 Kat** – Ribbon Ceremony

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December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

 **25 Kat** – Christmas Brunch in Social Hall

**JANUARY**

1. **Kat** – Fire Communion

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