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

**In Attendance:** Adeline Bailey, Rev. Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Maggie Meyer, Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke **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: Mark of the Eternal by Jacob Trapp

Grant us to see things that bear the mark of the eternal:

The beauty that lives with loving kindness,

The transmutation of suffering into wisdom and understanding;

The divine impulse given and received.

Give us to cherish life’s perishable beauty

That it may be imperishably present with us,

And may we so pass through the things that are fleeting

As to be richer in the things that endure.

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

Plan for Follow-Up:

51 Responses were submitted and Elaine Barr, Chair of the Membership Committee, is creating a spread sheet. A meeting will be help on October 11 to analyze results and to formulate follow-up action.

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)

Also, 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.

\*For continuing outreach, the first Sunday of each month can be designated “Open Door: Bring a Friend” Sunday. [November 6 – Membership Committee; December 4 – Ribbon Ceremony; January 1 – Fire Communion]

Finances: Shari Ballantyne won the stepping stone raffle, which brought in about $330. The pie raffle yielded $104.

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:* Adeline reported that progress is being made by the Membership Committee.
* 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 (especially, Emily Keller, Cindy Burton),

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)

*The Birthday of the World* by Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen (Martha – related to stories that guide us)

1. Correspondence: Martha has sent thank you notes to guest speakers.
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:

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. **Will revisit in November** 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. **Will consider in November** Purchase of copies of Singing the Journey?
2. **Personnel Evaluation – add to agenda for November**

**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 – Set for November 6.**

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” **Shared at October meeting**

Perhaps establish quarterly goals, projects **UUA Holidays, Holy Days & Worship Themes for 2022-2023 shared at October meeting**

**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 (Change, Remembrance)**

**\*6** Membership Committee – Welcoming & Belonging WL: Adeline Bailey

**13 Adeline & Martha will contact Tony Mayle for possible HIP-related guest**

**speakers**

**20 Kat -** ALL AGES THANKSGIVING

November 24 Thanksgiving

**27 Kat** – 1 – Hope Advent Begins & Card Project workshop

**DECEMBER (Wonder, Joy)**

**\*4 Kat** –2 - Faith Ribbon Ceremony

**11 Kat** – 3 - Joy

**18 Kat** - 4 – Love [Hannukah – involve Lori Fahn, Judy Segal]

December 18 – Hannukah begins

December 21 – Winter Solstice Spiral 5 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service [include multicultural music]

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

December 26 – Kwanzaa begins, Hannukah ends

**JANUARY (Finding Our Center, Wintering)**

**\*1 Kat** – Fire Communion

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**15 MLK, Jr. Day Adeline will contact Tony Mayle for possible guest speaker**

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**FEBRUARY (Love, Resilience)**

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