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

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

**In Attendance:**

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

Chalice Lighting:

1. Minutes of the November meeting to be approved.
2. 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 is scheduled for January 8 service, will write piece for Confluence, and will speak with coordinators of Men and Women Groups,

to provide additional guidance on how most effectively to present children’s books

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 and contributors.
2. Financial Matters:
3. Reflection on recent services:

What went well –

What to improve, change –

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.

1. Purchase of copies of Singing the Journey? The Committee would like to consider further the timing and approach to this effort. Ideas: Offer as opportunity to purchase individually in honor of someone? ($16 each) Offer as Auction item? [20 copies save 20%, thus 20 copies cost only $320, down from $400]
2. **Follow-through on Homecoming Project**:

Plan for Follow-Up:

Elaine Barr, Chair of the Membership Committee, has created a spread sheet and is asking for our committee to consider the meaning of the information and potential responses. *The W & M Committee suggested that into the spring would be a better time to engage with committees. November and December are overly full with other matters.*

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) *Perhaps one or two pieces of information could be routinely included, on a rotating basis, in the OOS. Should the folder tried in the past be re-evaluated?*

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] \*Thanks to Annie for announcing this initiative on November 6.*

Special Coffees: *Once per quarter*

1. **Personnel Evaluation**
2. **Holiday Decoration and Date to Take Down, Store/Inventory**

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Need to talk with other groups (Building & Grounds, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service?

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

Create a book of Graces, resources – for this Thanksgiving and keep adding

e.g., Darryl Ting’s Community Meal grace, *Earth Prayers, Life Prayers*

Gather feedback on effectiveness of OOS. Are revisions, amendments in order?

Invite Lee Ann Gallucci to be guest musician.

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

Darlington Mafa – recorded presentation – Zimbabwe, UU Principles

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

**NOVEMBER (Change, Remembrance)**

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

New Member Welcome

**13 Kat ?** Guest musician/speaker: Steve Free

**20 Kat -** ALL AGES THANKSGIVING

November 24 Thanksgiving

**27 Kat** – 1 – **Hope** Advent Begins & All Ages Holiday Greeting Card Project

Workshop

Elaborate Coffee Hour - W & M Comm agreed to bring hearty foods.

Decoration inside and out

**DECEMBER (*Wonder, Joy*)**

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

**11 Kat** – 3 – **Joy** Memories of Holidays

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

CHOIR – “Dark of Winter” words & music by Shelley Jackson Denham (hymnal)

December 18 – Hannukah begins

December 21 – Winter Solstice Spiral 5 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service [include multicultural music]

CHOIR – “Candlelight Canon” words & music by Andy Beck

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

December 26 – Kwanzaa begins, Hannukah ends

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

**\*1 Kat** – Fire Communion

**8 Martha McGovern** – Wisdom Stories that Guide Us

**15 MLK, Jr. Day Martha has contacted Tony Mayle for guest speaker – still needs**

**confirmation**

**22 Darlington Mafa (22 or 29 – Annie)**

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**FEBRUARY (*Love, Resilience*)**

**5 World Interfaith Harmony Week – MOV Interfaith**

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**MARCH**

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