**Agenda for February 1, 2023 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

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

**In Attendance:**

Chalice Lighting:

1. **Theme for 2023: Retain previous OR establish new?**
2. Minutes of the January meeting to be approved.
3. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement:
* Kat suggested that we re-start the regular scheduling of Worship Associates.

Maggie Meyer agreed to be the WA for the January 29 service.

Persons who will be contacted to serve: Andrew Clovis, Tom Cunningham, Lloyd Elliot, Chris Jacobs, Rebecca Phillips, Ron Rees

* *Establishment of Greeter Team – Zoom and in-person:* Adeline
* 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) and 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 independence)

*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:

Randall Kidder’s request for reimbursement of $25.72 for the purchase of Piano Music of Africa and African Diaspora, Vol. 2, Intermediate.

1. Suggestion from Jane Tumas-Serna: To aid planning and coordination, establish schedule of events for whole year that can be posted (in office and website?) and given to Committees for reference.

The Committee agreed that it is a good idea. As events are scheduled, the information (event, time, place) should be funneled to Dawn Hewitt in the church office. W & M Committee currently has an annual calendar by month. We will continue to develop a more specific calendar for the year with dates and places.

1. Budget: In conversations with Martha Webster and Randall Kidder, I wondered whether the $425 allocated to Music should be divided (informally) as $300 to piano music and $125 to vocal music because the major purchases of Choir music will be covered by the Novak Special Music Program Fund.
2. Reflection on recent services:

What went well –

What to improve, change –

The group concurred that we can omit Announcements from the Facebook streaming, exiting after the Postlude. We can sing “Peace, Salaam, Shalom” as a transition. Then, on Zoom and in the Sanctuary, the service can come to closure with Joys & Sorrows, another Benediction (?), and finally Announcements.

1. Purchase of copies of Singing the Journey: Martha Webster identified the need for a set of 20-25 books because we are using pieces from the collection frequently.

What should be 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]

1. **Follow-through on Homecoming Project**:

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?*

Are we implementing these? The first Sunday of each month designated “Open Door: *Bring a Friend” Sunday.*

Do we have dates? Special Coffees: *Once per quarter*

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Karen Binkley – for MAY, Gilbert & Sullivan skit [with Choir]

Contact Mark Krivchenia – speaker in March or April?? MMcG will do.

Check with Katy McDaniel – topic of her choice MMcG will do.

Include a service on Ways to Meditate

Explore the topic of Wintering

June – Have a service with women from Uganda on Women in Agriculture (Annie Warmke)

Continue to make contacts with other faiths, cultures

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?

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?

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

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

**\*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 Kat –** (Lunar New Year!) The Rabbit CHOIR - TBA

**29 Kat** – A Work in Progress (FUUSM’s story)

**FEBRUARY (*Black History*, *Love, Resilience*) BRING A FRIEND**

**\*5** Won’t You Be My Neighbor? **World Interfaith Harmony Week – MOV Interfaith** George B & Martha McG CHOIR – “Change the World”

 **12 Kat** Charter Sunday – Love Stories Ron & Cathy Rees ?? KAT??

 **19 Kat** -- UUA President Election

 **26 Jay Warmke** – It’s the End of the World as We Know It and Thank God

**MARCH (*Women’s History, Vulnerability, Trust, Redemption*)**

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**APRIL *(Resistance, Grief, Freedom)***

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 **9 Easter**

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 **23 Earth Day** - April 22

 **30** (May Day – May 1)

**MAY (*Asian/Pacific American Heritage, Mental Health Awareness*, *Creativity,***

***Reconciliation, Mercy)***

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 **14 Mother’s Day**

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 **28 Memorial Day**

**JUNE (*LGBT Pride Month, Delight, Ritual)***

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 **18 Father’s Day**

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**JULY (*Play)***

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**AUGUST (*Activism)***

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**SEPTEMBER**

 **\*3 LABOR DAY**

 **10 Water Communion**

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