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

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

**In Attendance:**  Adeline Bailey, Randall Kidder, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Maggie Meyer, Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke

Chalice Lighting: “Let Us Pray” by Max Coots (See Agenda for January 4, 2023 for text)

1. **Theme for 2023: Retain previous OR establish new?**
2. Minutes of the January were approved.
3. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement:

* Kat suggested that we re-start the regular scheduling of Worship Associates.

Persons who will be contacted to serve: Andrew Clovis, Tom Cunningham, Lloyd Elliot, Chris Jacobs, Rebecca Phillips, Ron Rees. Martha will try to line them up in time for The Confluence.

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

The committee members agreed that identifying the Greeters and Host as part of the Welcome was a good idea. The names will also be in the order of service.

* 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 will send 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, as well as $20.37 for the purchase of Einaudi Sheet Music: 32 Songs from a Collection was approved.

\*\* In Addition: Roger Kalter submitted two requests for reimbursement for Homecoming expenditures. $234.52 and $77.96

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: After discussion, the Committee concurred that 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. That allocation will enable Randall to be in more control of his expenditures.

Suzyn Mills generously agreed to donate an additional light for the electronic piano.

1. Reflection on recent services: A Work in Progress

What went well – Randall’s original composition was well-received. The video presenting the concept of Embodiment was effective. The overall theme of the service was well-communicated with the repetition of the poem “One Love” by Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson. The elements of the service were varied and engaging [“Sound of Seven (8),” video, hymn singing.]

What to improve, change – There were technical problems with Zoom for music and

video. The Committee will continue discussion of placement of screen and

electric piano.

We need to revisit how the service will draw to closure after the Postlude.

Shall we keep connected to Facebook for Announcements or not?

If we stay connected for Announcements, should we sing “Peace, Salaam, Shalom” as a transition and then have Joys & Sorrows for just those on Zoom and in the Sanctuary?

If not, the service can come to closure with Joys & Sorrows, 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] How to coordinate this project will be discussed in the next meeting.

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 Annie Warmke has confirmed that April 9 (Easter) is a good day.*

**BRAINSTORMING:**

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

Contact Mark Krivchenia – speaker in March or April?? DONE – April 2

Check with Katy McDaniel – topic of her choice MMcG – email, no response yet.

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 – “The Oneness of Everything”

**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*) DISPLAY HONORING WOMEN**

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**12** Choir – “May the Road Rise Up to Meet You”

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**26** Kickoff for Chalice Lighter Membership Grant Committee Fair in Social Hall

Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke With follow-up in Fall 2023

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

**2 Mark Krivchenia – guest speaker WL ??**

**\*9 Easter** Choir – “Dominus Vobiscum” **Special Coffee**

**16 Green Sanctuary**

**23 Earth Day** - April 22 ANNUAL MEETING

**30** (May Day – May 1)

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

***Reconciliation, Mercy)***

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**14 Mother’s Day**

**21**

**28 Memorial Day**

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

**\*4 Flower Communion**

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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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