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

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

**In Attendance:**

Chalice Lighting:

**Theme for 2023: Retain previous OR establish new?**

1. Minutes of the February meeting to be approved.
2. 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, Kelcey 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
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

Randall Kidder has also purchased Volumes 1, 3, 4, 5 of Piano Music of Africa and African Diaspora by William H. Chapman Nyaho via Dawn Hewitt. She will submit a request for reimbursement.

Randy has now spent $220.10 of the allotted $300 of his budget. The balance is $79.90.

1. Begin preparation of Annual Report. Copy of report from 2021-2022 will be sent in separate email.
2. 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 will continue to develop a more specific calendar for the year with dates and places.

1. Reflection on recent services:

What went well –

What to improve, change –

What are reactions to the new position for the screen in the Choir Box?

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:**

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

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

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**

Potential Services:

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

Holy Books – Shavuot, Judaism The Torah

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 (Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories, *Women’s History, Vulnerability,***

***Trust, Redemption*) DISPLAY HONORING WOMEN**

 **\*5 Kat TBA** Special Music: LeeAnn Gallucci

 **12 Kat** Guest Speaker: Katy McDaniel “Women and the Peace Movement”

WA –Kelcey Jacobs Choir – “May the Road Rise Up to Meet You”

 **19 Kat TBA** WA --

 **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 Kat Mark Krivchenia – guest speaker** WA – Kelcey Jacobs

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

 **16 Green Sanctuary**

**Earth Day** - April 22

 **23 Kat**  ANNUAL MEETING

 **30 Kat** (May Day – May 1) WA -

**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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