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

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

**In Attendance:**  Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Adeline Bailey, Suzyn Mills, Annie Warmke, Martha McGovern

Chalice Lighting: Impromptu

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

1. With the correction that Kat Hawbaker was also in attendance at the February meeting, the minutes were 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 continue in efforts to recruit and line up Worship Associates in time for The Confluence.

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

The Membership Committee members are doing more follow-up contact with new attendees.

* 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.

1. Correspondence: Martha – Thank you notes have been sent to MOV Interfaith members (George Banziger, MJ Ebenhack, Carol Sedgwick) and Ron & Cathy Rees, and will be sent to Jay Warmke.
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.

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.

\*\* In Addition: Roger Kalter submitted two requests for reimbursement for Homecoming expenditures. $234.52 and $77.96. The Committee approved that request. Nancy Luthy will investigate the process followed for allocating those funds and assigning Worship & Music Committee as the approving entity.

Kat also submitted a reimbursement request for payment of $115.00 to Chris Purdy for piano tuning. It was approved and submitted to Steve Meyer.

1. Preparation of Annual Report. Suggestions for revisions in the report from 2021-2022 were collected and a draft of the report will be emailed for feedback. The final copy of the Annual Report for 2022-2023 will be submitted by the first week of April.
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? - positive

We need to revisit how the service will draw to closure. A lengthy discussion explored this issue. We were in agreement that

* + the Postlude should bring the service to closure.
  + Joys & Sorrows/Circle of Life is most effective as an integral, early part of the service.
  + music should be carefully allotted appropriate time in coordination with other elements of the service. (e.g., selection of flexible pieces for Offertory to fit collection process, balancing of long/short pieces for Prelude and Postlude, clear understanding of reasons for inclusion/omission of verses of hymns)

We are unsure how to deal with Facebook outreach and privacy concerns and will continue discussion at the April meeting. Should Announcements be live on Facebook? Is there another way to convey announcements to that audience – e.g., a link, a screen share display? For Joys & Sorrows and connection, how can we encourage interaction, such as that on Zoom or in-person? Should/can the service be recorded and then only selected parts posted on Facebook or Youtube?

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] Martha will speak with the Service Auction Coordinator to see how to offer donations.

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 WL: 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 WL: Suzyn Mills** Guest Speaker – Jay Warmke– “It’s the End of the World as We

Know It and I Feel Fine“

**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** Lives in Balance 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 WL: Rebecca Phillips**

**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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**24**

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)