

Music and Worship Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.

Present: Daniel Jantos, Jess Horak, Anne Macksoud, Diane Mellinger, Jenny Gelfan, Carol Egbert, Ben Fox, Don Ransom, Hope Yeager, Judith Taylor, Hugh Belton

Absent: Kathy Astemborski, Brenda Johnson

Check in

Opening Words - Jenny read from Rachel Naomi Remen's My Grandfather's Blessings.

The committee voted to accept the minutes from the May meeting.

Summer services: There was discussion of when Alan Kitt and Matt Friedman might do a reflection. Daniel said he would contact them and be in touch with Jenny about when Alan and Matt might fit into the schedule.

June 7: Daniel interviewed by Susan and Denise

June 14: John Steinle, Peter Rousmaniere, Barbara Bartlett, Jackie Fisher on Mentoring
John Steinle has requested a service coordinator for this service. Jenny will double check if one of the participants can act as service coordinator.

June 21: Father's Day/ step up day/ re teacher recognition

June 28: Daniel's last service here.

July 5: Judith Taylor and Anne Macksoud - a post Daniel service "Who We Are"
Judith and Anne asked for input to help them craft this service. Jenny said that she has a few poems that she will send them. Daniel said that there is a big wooden tray in the attic that can be assembled. There is sand back by the organ. Don suggested having people share their stories about Daniel. Carol suggested having a time for silent Joys and Concerns. Judith said that the service needs to include a sense of forward momentum, and needs to have a carefully considered structure. Diane suggested universally referring to times in life which require new beginnings. Don had the idea of placing a symbol of new beginnings in the sand (smooth stones? Flowers? Shells? Driftwood?). Judith asked if we could distribute rhythm instruments. Ben said he has access to rhythm instruments.

July 12: Rowland Hazard (speaking about his mother), John Steinle service coordinator (Jenny will double check that John is willing/ready to be service coordinator) Would the Amazing Grays want to participate in the service? If not John Steinle, then Jenny will check with Richard if he would be service coordinator.

July 19: Virginia Bones (archeologist in Egypt), reflection, Don Ransom service coordinator

July 26: Ben Fox reflection, Hope Yeager service coordinator

August 2: Hope Yeager reflection, Anne Macksoud service coordinator

August 9: Rachael Shea, Anne Dean service coordinator

August 16: Carol will research the Let's Grow Kids organization as a possible participant in this service. The Let's Grow Kids representative could be interviewed. Diane asked that the handheld mic and a lapel mic be used together for an interview so that both participants can be heard with a sense of ease. Anne Macksoud will ask Norwood about the state of the lapel mic (missing? On order?)

August 23: Kate Braestrup, reflection, Jenny Gelfan service coordinator (Jenny will check with Nancy Randall to see if she wants to introduce Kate) Daniel suggested that we publicize that she will be speaking here. She will be in town then for a book signing.

August 30: joint service with other UU churches at the Barnard church - our role yet to be determined. (held in conjunction with the Strafford, Barnard, Hartland UU churches). Diane suggested that a plan B might happen at North Chapel or that the event at the Barnard church be very well publicized.

Inspirations in Our Lives: Jenny read an explanation which can go in the order of service to explain how we are transitioning this idea. Jenny has invited some North Chapel Board members to participate and speak about their connection to the seven principles.

Carol Egbert volunteered to read her personal creed. (June 14)

None on June 21 or June 28 because these are to be action-packed services already.

Hugh volunteered to share for this at some point in the summer.

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Daniel mentioned Thomas Moore's writing about the difference between spirit and soul (the things that lift us vs. the things that ground us). Jenny suggested changing the title of this eight sentence moment: "What Sustains Us". Daniel suggested perhaps "What Anchors Us".

THINGS TO DIGEST (and address during summer meetings):

Notes from our retreat

Worship notes from Haverford UUA church announcements sent by Richard Schramm

Worship committee's covenant

NEW BUSINESS

Judith asked if we could put on a future agenda a discussion of what is holy in the context of who we are here at the North Chapel. The committee discussed how to include these deeper conversations within the time given for worship committee meetings.

Jenny read "In a Cove", by ?

Jenny thanked everyone and especially Daniel for his participation and engagement in the work of the Worship Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Yeager