

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES July 5, 2016

Convened at 5:15

Present: Jenny Gelfan, Judith Taylor, Don Ransom

Moment of Silence

Check In

Opening Words

Don volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting

Minutes from June were approved

Review of Services: The past month was an interesting mix of Rev. Gary, Anne Bower, Lynn Peterson, Alina Bloomgarden. Anne and Alina were highly rated.

Governance Details: Don was made aware that he had overlooked an important section of the historic details. He'll incorporate them and present them before the next meeting.

General Discussion: The majority of our meeting was spent discussing the inner dynamic of our committee. We're aware that the unique circumstances we are in as a committee with the responsibility of arranging all of the Sunday services has created a lot of pressure and distracting details. We are doing a good job acting out our responsibilities as a "booking agency" but we have overlooked our personal well-being as committee members.

We began a discussion on how to ameliorate this situation. One idea is to create a "subcommittee structure" where the primary tasks of the committee, scheduling reflectors and coordinators, would be handled by subcommittee teams outside of the monthly meeting. Judith and Jenny have volunteered to focus on the scheduling of reflectors and Don has volunteered to schedule the service coordinators. Each of these 'teams' will give an updated report at each monthly meeting.

It's important that each member of the committee offers some specific suggestion on how to restore a sense of cohesiveness to our monthly meetings. Some ideas that were offered is putting more emphasis on the opening words, being more intentional and specific in our check ins and creating a brief intentional moment at the close of each meeting.

We discussed the idea that each of us needs to revisit the minutes from our February retreat with the purpose of reconnecting with the rich content that came out of that experience and to bring some aspect of that experience to our present meetings.

We adjourned at 6:30 with a strong positive feeling.

Don volunteered to do the opening words at the August meeting which will be at 5:15 on August 2nd.

Minutes submitted by DR