

Music and Worship Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Present: Naomi Malik (visiting), Shoshanna Belisle (visiting), Jenny Gelfan, Diane Mellinger, Carol Egbert, Don Ransom, Judith Taylor, Hope Yeager, Kathy Astemborski, Jess Stout. Arriving later: Hugh Belton.

Absent: Ben Fox, Anne Macksoud

Jenny began the meeting [at 5:22 p.m.](#) With a ringing of the chime. Those present checked in.

Don Ransom offered an opening prayer.

November meeting minutes were accepted.

The committee reviewed its covenant. Carol suggested that we could add to the covenant that we are an open committee that welcomes visitors and we have a transparent process. Don suggested that Carol's addition could be added to the mission statement instead. The committee voted to keep the covenant as is.

Jenny asked that members to email her the information about when they started serving on the Worship Committee.

Worship Committee Retreat

Don offered their house for the location of the retreat. Saturday is the best day. Jenny said she would send around possible dates between now and the end of February. Judith suggested that Worship committee members be responsible for parts of the retreat.

Guests

Shoshanna and Naomi spoke about being members of the Welcoming and Engagement Committee. Shoshanna would like to offer her personal perspective of what in the Sunday service feels alive, who or what gives inspiration. Carol brought up ways to include the children at the end of the service possibly. Jenny said she had talked to a number of people who might like to read or offer a story to the children even if it is just once a month. Don and Judith suggested that maybe the parents of the children who come might offer a story. Naomi said

that there might be a service when the kids could offer what they have been thinking about, for instance on Step Up day in June.

Hugh Belton joined the meeting. (Yay!)

The committee brainstormed a List of people who might do a reflection:

Ben Fox - Jenny will ask him

Matt Friedman- Jenny is in touch with him

Dov Taylor

Shoshanna Belisle and Naomi Malik [on Jan. 24](#)

T. Belisle

MJ Taylor suggested the topic of "Hope"

Creative people such as:

Michael Zsoldos - Diane will ask

Jay Nash

AdrianTans

Ruth Brooke - Carol will ask

Jen Belton

Kathleen Dolan - Jess Stout will ask

Corky Bohlen - Carol will ask

Anne Macksoud and Carol Egbert doing Valentine's Day

Judith Taylor [Jan. 17](#)

Anne Macksoud and ? on Easter ([March 27](#))

Sherry Belisle, Kathy Fiske, Polly Forcier, Carol Egbert, Richard Schramm as a group (autobiography)

Rowley Hazard - Jenny will ask

George Wolgemuth - Don will ask

Rob Hansen - Don will ask

Laird Bradley

Susie Allen (Hope's aunt, a UCC minister) - Hope will ask

Jess Stout and her dad, Walter

Kerri Cole

Bob Williamson

Judy Williamson

Kathy Astemborski

Diane Mellinger

Collection of musicians playing and speaking briefly

Mike Bachman and Steve - Diane will ask

Deanna Jones

Veronica Delay

A TED talk read aloud for the time when a speaker can't make it at the last minute

Mary Blanton

Zach Ralph (Feb. 21?)- Kathy A. will ask him

J.J. Overstreet - Jess or Shoshanna will ask her?

Sherry Thornburg, Ottawaquechee Health Foundation

John Newman, Buddhist lawyer friend of Rick Fiske

Possibly hiring a minister once a month for a while such as Telos Whitfield, or Nancy Crumbine.

People to do Children's Stories

Naomi Malik

Carol reiterated the need for the reflection be personal, spiritual, short, and not selling anything. Jenny said she would speak to Deeya Pavelle about possibly doing a reflection about Esther and Purim in March.

Rick Fiske made a suggestion that SCs return to inviting the people in the pews to introduce themselves to those around them at the start of the Sunday service.

The committee also discussed returning to announcing the speakers for upcoming weeks at the start of Sunday services.

The meeting adjourned [at 7:10 p.m.](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Yeager

Worship Committee Secretary