

WEC MEETING NOTES

3/2/17

Present: Kathy Fiske, Rick Fiske, Polly Forcier, Pru Schuller, Joby Thompson

Absent: Joanne Garbisch and Richard Schramm

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING

- Richard, who suggested a LGBT service, will take the lead on it when he finishes his work on the Search Committee, and we all will help.
- Blue “welcome cards” have been redesigned to read vertically and will be in the pews on Sunday.
- Rick handed out a list of LGBT awareness days and a list of welcoming ideas that have been successfully implemented at the UU Church of Montpelier as they have worked to become more welcoming to the LGBT community. Please look it over and get in touch with Rick with your ideas.

UU CHURCH VISITS:

- Rick visited UU Congregation of the Upper Valley in Norwich and spoke with minister, Patience Stoddard and RE Director, Sparrow Alden. Sparrow’s partner, Grace Allen who is transgender may be a good speaker for LGBT service in the future. Can we have a rainbow flag? Check with Michael Brand. Request for name tag, directory listing etc. - form could be tucked into the order of service.
- Rick visited All Souls UU Church in Brattleboro and spoke with pastor, Shayna Appel. Will have future discussion with Kathy Squires to share ways to be more welcoming.

NUCS TASKS GOING FORWARD:

- When we have a settled minister, we will pursue becoming a Designated Welcoming Community.
- Future collaborative discussion with Worship and Membership committees to discuss what we’ve done be more welcoming and what we’re going to do.
- Next Circle Dinner is March 25th.
- We will have a Welcoming service in September.
- WEC committee has coffee duty in June.

NEXT MEETING: April 6th, 2017 at 5 pm - Rick and Kathy will be away.