

Notes of
August 4, 2016, 5-6PM
Welcoming & Engagement Committee

Present: Kathy Fiske, Rick Fiske, Pru Schuler, Joby Thompson, Polly Forcier. Carol Egbert joined in for a portion of the meeting.

Review of minutes of July 7 meeting - Pru will check on putting bios of new members in the Quest.

Recruiting new Welcomers - Rosie has been approached and is thinking about joining—we will check back with her. Rick will scan the 2015 member directory for possibilities. Perhaps the new minister might join the Welcomers if she is at a Sunday service.

Welcome sign - Rick had a prototype made at Staples and the committee approved the message and sign. A suggestion was made to increase font size possibly change title to North Universalist Chapel Society. The intent is to place the sign on the outside wall of the church to the right of the front door. The next step is to present the proposed sign to the board for final approval. The

Investigation of becoming a designated Welcoming Congregation - Rick has spoken with Doug Zelinski of UUA and requested information on requirements. It may or may not be important to do this at this time—without a settled minister. Doug did not push for or against the idea but will refer Rick to talk with the right person at UUA on this topic. Joby, who was on the original committee to apply several years ago, will look at the requirements on the UUA website to see if they have been simplified.

Welcome card in the pews - Geraldine will make more of the little blue cards. It is worthwhile to see if there were more we might get more back.

Richard's questions: should we ask guests to identify themselves and greeting one another? - The thought is that if guests are to be asked to identify themselves and where they are from, it should happen at the end of the service and be optional. Greeting one another at the beginning of the service seems to be going well. It was suggested that all church members sit with someone they don't know and be a welcoming presence greeting them. Carol Egbert shared Richard's questions to the Worship Committee who was meeting at the same time and reported back that they are in full agreement.

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