

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 4, 2017, 5:15 PM, Submitted by: Diane Mellinger

Attendees: Don Ransom, Kathy Astemborski (part), Mary Blanton, Anne Marinello, Diane Mellinger, Shoshana Belisle

Action points in red.

Moment of Silence

Check-in

Review and Approval of Minutes from March meeting

Review of Guidelines for Guest Reflectors. Shoshana suggested there be a line added that encourages carefulness around difficult subjects, in order to guard against oversharing. **Don will add this to document.**

Discussion regarding “Emergency Service” where reflector cannot present, giving little or no notice. Shoshana suggested we gather 3-4 short-ish poems that can be read with chimes and moments of silence between each, to fill the reflection time. This could be stored in the piano bench. Perhaps even have two or three of these emergency reflections of poems. **All committee members are encouraged to bring a poem or two next month to be considered.**

Ongoing Business:

Review of Services this past month:

Committee members gave favorable reviews of the services and reflections this past month.

Note: playing music on a phone through the PA system is to be discouraged in the future, due to its possible failure (as in the 3/19/17 service).

Review of Action Points from Last Meeting:

- a. Don has compiled a list of potential “returnees”.
- b. Don has made contact w/ a Dartmouth professor who could possibly do a service. Anne brought a contact for a young man (Mohsem Mehdawa) who is a practicing Muslim in the area and **Don will follow up** with that, figuring that this would be preferential to the professor.
- c. Worship themes were resent to committee.
- d. Anne left message on answering machine of Eliz. Reaves asking if she would consider doing a reflection. **Anne will follow up.**
- e. **Mary has contacted WRJ Kirtan group and will move forward with this when she returns from her trip in May.**
- f. Don sent out Guidelines for Guest Reflectors (see above for discussion).
- g. Mary contacted Phyllis Arata-Meyers and she will give a reflection about her work with CTWK, possibly this summer. **Don will follow up w/ Phyllis.**

- h. Don connected w/ Brad Archer (WUHS teacher/Gay-Straight Alliance advisor) and he will give a reflection along w/ a student, on May 14.

Review Future Services:

- a. Gail Smith is willing to give a summer reflection about her work as a nurse in Vietnam. **Don will follow up with Gail.**
- b. Step-up Sunday and New Member recognition are typically on the same Sunday (second Sunday of June.) There was an agreement that these should be separated into two Sundays. **Don will discuss w/ Ann Wynia and Geraldine to make sure this works for them.**
- c. New Member Sunday will be first Sunday in June (6/4/17, if agreeable to others, see b.). Don would like 2/3 people to share their 5 min story: “What was your lifetime spiritual journey that brought you here?” Can be any person – not just a new member. **Kathy will announce this** on 4/9/17 to begin to gather volunteers. **Shoshana will help write the announcement, and email to Kathy, Don, Geraldine** (for inclusion in e-news) .
- d. **Anne will give her daughter’s (Heather) email address to Don for him to contact her** directly regarding a possible future reflection about her immigration work.
- e. Kathy suggested a co-worker, Theresa Snow, for a future reflection. She has a group that focuses on recapturing food that would normally be unused. **Don will email Theresa for a possible reflection in June or August.**

New Business

Discussion regarding possibly meeting as a committee w/ new minister candidate, Leon, when he is here for his candidating week (4/23-4/30). No consensus on whether this would be necessary/possible. Don is on the committee for scheduling Leon’s week, and will see what seems best.

Next meeting: TBA (Don has a conflict for 5/2 and maybe 5/9) at 5:15PM

Closing Circle

Adjourn: 6:30PM