

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 1, 2017, 5:15 PM, Submitted by: Jessica Stout

Attendees: Don Ransom, Mary Blanton, Anne Marinello, Jessica Stout, Diane Mellinger,

Moment of Silence

Check-in

Review and Approval of Minutes from June meeting

Ongoing Business: (Action Points in Bold)

Review of Services this past month:

Discussed speakers and themes from recent services. All members agreed that services have felt strong and well received, with a compelling mix of congregant voices and guests from outside the church community. Service coordinators have tended to align well with the reflector, giving services a cohesive quality. There was particular interest in inviting Mohsen Medawi back to talk specifically about the refugee crisis and possibly offer a Q and A afterwards. It was also noted that Gwen Groff has been a very natural fit for the North Chapel, in her role as reflector and provider of pastoral care.

Review of Action Points from Last Meeting:

- a) Anne has continued to try to contact Phyllis, with no success at this point. **Anne will continue to try to connect with Phyllis re providing a reflection on 9/17.**
- b) As committee members continue to bring in poems for potential readings, options for a central storage spot were discussed. **Committee members plan to establish a Worship Committee folder in the office to keep such poems.**
- c) Discussed upcoming worship themes, including “Manifestation and Abundance” for the month of August. In general, themes have continued to feel like a positive element, giving a sense of cohesion without being restrictive. There was some uncertainty as to how many people are aware of the themes week to week, though perhaps it is not necessary to make them a major focus. The service coordinator has the ability to bring focus to the themes, as appropriate to the particular service. There will need to be further discussion with Leon

re the role of themes, and whether this is something he is comfortable working with.

Review Future Services:

The list of Future Sunday Services was distributed and reviewed.

Reflections are booked out through 9/24.

Discussed Leon's arrival in September and ideas about welcoming him to the Worship Committee. Discussed our desire for a "co-creative" relationship and experience, as well as our intention to learn about Leon's perspective and any questions he might have as he begins his ministerial work.

New Business:

Mary Blanton has agreed to take over the role (from Don) of assigning service coordinators.

Mary Blanton to follow up with the Kirtan group about the need for travel reimbursement, (and if so, with Anne Wynia to make arrangements).

Next meeting: Tuesday 9/12/17 at 5:15PM

Closing Circle

Adjourn: 6:30 PM