

Music and Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Present: Don Ransom, Jenny Gelfan, Diane Mellinger, Carol Egbert, Judith Taylor, Anne Macksoud, Hugh Belton, Neil Marinello, Jess Stout, Hope Yeager

Absent: Ben Fox, Kathy Astemborski

Judith opened the meeting with a reading. Jenny led the group in a shared gesture exercise. Members and Neil checked in.

Planning the committee retreat

Sat., Feb. 6, beginning at 8:45 a.m. It will be held at Don Ransom's house. Delia Clark will be facilitating. Don asked people to bring things for snacks if they have favorite teas, or snacks.

Retreat agenda:

- Governance issues
- Mix of reflection topics and people
- What we can manage without a minister and for how long
- New statement about minister during welcome during Sunday service
- Also info for ministerial contact
- Closure re: Interim Ministry
- How to manage initial interactions with next minister: communication between worship committee and the congregation
- Reflecting on the last retreat: what is still relevant and what is not?
- What is worship? What is sacred?

Judith suggested that each member of the committee bring something to answer that last line of questions.

Committee members present marked their first four choices from the list of ideas above for the retreat.

Question from Delia: what would success look like coming out of this retreat? Or, if we are successful, what will we have accomplished?

Committee member's responses:

Anne: feel happy and energized to be on the committee; filled with creative ideas

Hope: structure on how to move forward without a minister

Jess: direction on how to worship

Don: questing for clarity on our mission as a committee; making sure we are all on the same page as a committee and have a sense of unity

Jenny: guidelines for how to respond to the wealth of people in the congregation; clarity on interactions about inviting people to be part of a service

Diane asked that when we are communicating with visiting ministers, not to invite requests for music. Diane will choose hymns unless Service Coordinator wants to do it, but Diane has veto power on obscure hymns.

Jenny said she is currently booked with Sunday reflectors into July.

Jess shared another approach of interacting with the children in the service where it is more of a conversation with the children instead of a story.

The committee passed around the coffee sign up sheet.

The committee voted to skip the March meeting and meet again the first Tuesday of April since so many will be away in March.

Action points: Neil asked if the committee had a backup plan if a speaker cancels at the last minute. Diane mentioned that we have talked about reading a TED talk possibly but we haven't researched any copyright issues with that. Neil reminded the committee that Daniel's reflections are saved on CD.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope Yeager
Secretary to the Music and Worship Committee