

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 10, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Submitted by: Jessica Stout

**Attendees:** Jenny Gelfan, Don Ransom, Diane Mellinger, Jessica Stout, Shoshana Belisle

**Opening Words:** Jenny Gelfan

**Moment of Silence**

**Check-in**

**Review and Approval of Minutes from December meeting**

**Ongoing Business:**

*Review of Services this past month:*

Committee members shared positive responses to recent services, including the Christmas Eve services. Feedback from the congregation continues to be positive as well. It was agreed that the implementation of “themes” has been successful thus far: they seem to provide an “anchor” for speakers in approaching the task of writing and delivering a reflection.

*Guest Reflectors:*

Rob Chambers has been scheduled for 2/19. He was recommended by Michael Stoner as someone with a meditation practice who took a related trip to Burma recently.

The committee did some initial brainstorming of potential people who could speak to the theme for March (“Overcoming Obstacles”).

*Service Coordinators:*

Jess Stout has been scheduled to coordinate on 2/26.

*Communication from Richard Schramm:*

Discussed Richard’s suggestion to consider the interests of LGBTQ congregants in the planning of services. While the North Chapel did not complete the “Welcoming Congregation” certification through the UUA, the committee affirmed our commitment to maintaining a welcoming and inclusive environment. Discussed potential ways to do this through potential speakers, reflections, and themes. Agreed to continue this discussion, and to hear out feedback from congregants on this topic.

*Upcoming Themes:*

Reviewed the themes currently planned for April (Awakening and Insight), May (Creativity and Expression), and June (Exploration and the Natural World). Committee members were all in favor of these ideas and titles.

*Annual Report:*

Reviewed the Annual Report written by Jenny Gelfan. Minor corrections were made, otherwise it was approved.

*Change of leadership/ membership:*

Discussed shift of Committee Chair role from Jenny to Don, as well as upcoming additions of new members to the committee. Jessica Stout will remain secretary and keeper of the calendar. Many thanks to Jenny for her work and dedication throughout this extended period of time without a minister.

**Action Points:**

Don to approach Judy Williamson and Jay Kelley as potential reflectors for March, and Michael Zsoldos for May.

Jenny to approach Sarah Warren (cousin).

Shoshana to approach Matt Friedman, T. Belisle, and Michael and Naomi Malik.

Shoshana to begin working on written description of themes for April, May, and June to present to the congregation.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 2/7/17 at 5:30PM

**Closing Circle**

**Adjourn:** 6:50PM