

## Music and Worship Committee 7/7/15

Attending: Hope Yaeger, Jess Horak, Carol Egbert, Ben Fox, Don Ransom, Anne Macksoud, Judith Taylor, Kathy Astemborski, Jenny Gelfan, Hugh Belton

5:30 Check-in

Opening Words – Ben Fox

Moment of Silence

Minutes from last meeting – Anne moved to accept them, motion was seconded

Recordings of past services should be available soon after technical difficulties have been remedied.

5:40 – Ongoing business

August 9 we need a service coordinator – no takers – Jenny will call around for volunteers. Mary Blantan, Barbara Bartlett, Chris Bartlett, and Susan Inui were suggested.

August 16 we need a reflector/service coordinator – suggestion made to think about it at home and send suggestions to Jenny. Maybe Susan and Denise could do the service so we're focusing on Wendy. Anne suggested that similar to how this past Sunday's service was run with many participants, maybe the Board could do the service with many participants. Anne will ask the Board. Don volunteered to be the service coordinator. Hugh will do the anchor piece.

Discussion about integrating Wendy – how to welcome her, introduce her, when she should be introduced/do a reflection – and how do we set that up?

Dinners/festivities/cook-outs welcoming Wendy should be inclusive.

Dennis McCollough wrote Slow Medicine about aging parents. Jenny knows him and will contact him to see if he would be interested in doing a reflection. Jenny will also check in with 2 other possible reflectors.

Thoughts about the Retreat – What we talked about that day has felt present in the work we do. While not consciously thinking about it, it feels like seeds were planted. The David White poem Daniel has found so important gives so much to us in terms of “take aways”.

Carol suggested inviting the whole community to say “hi – this is who I am” if they would like. She volunteered to gather greetings/ways to say something about oneself. Judith suggested creating a “cookie jar” of ideas for creating conversations that we can

dip into for services when needed. Jenny said we can send ideas to her and she can create a folder.

Richard Schramm idea – While recently visiting another UU community, he shared a question they posed to their community at the beginning of every service – “who are we and what do we represent?” We discussed the possibility of including 8 (or so) sentences that abbreviate the 7 Principals at the beginning our service. Having people (the Board?) talk about what the principals mean to them and how they operate in their lives. Making the principals “real”. Inviting different people to speak about what it means to them – service coordinator? The committee agreed that starting the service with the same question each week would become too mechanical.

Don shared from the GA that the UUA is in the process of helping churches create new covenants to address the issue of incorporating the principals. Don also pointed out that Reverend Wendy is very committed to incorporating the principals and may have lots of ideas to share about this topic. At the same time she is very clear she is not coming in to change things right away – she’s coming to listen and learn from us and help us along the path.

Carol spoke to how people are more important than the process – words from on high are not what we’re about.

Radical Welcome – a tone that Daniel set – can we make sure to continue to welcome all with open arms and we want to hear your story.

Tenzin – it would need to be a year from now that he would be available to come to the North Chapel. Jenny is thinking more towards fall she could convene a few others to work as a group on inviting him to share a reflection/do a retreat.

August 30 service – joint service. We may need to help for some folks to hang out at the North Chapel in case people show up here – to let people know we’re out in Barnard. Paul (from Barnard) is working on things on his end, but there isn’t anything in place yet. Jenny will send him an email to ask how things are going and ask what we can do.

Fall Reflectors – Simon Dennis, Mary Blanton and Jesse Taylor have been suggested. Tai – used to be Brother Sage – Richard Fiske is friends with him and could reach out to him.

Don suggested not keeping things narrowed down to speaking on “what anchors you” or “what inspires you”

New Business

Anyone willing to take on the note taking role? Hope volunteered – thank you!

Anchors:

We need 8/2, 8/23, and September dates except for 9/2.  
Jess – 7/26

Kathy and Jess will be service coordinators for Wendy's first service on 9/6 and Don will do the anchor.

Jenny will email Judith if she fills in some dates and Judith will let Jenny know when she finds people as well.

Suggestion to put something in "In Touch" about Wendy coming and the invitation to say something about ourselves – to get something out there so people think about it. We'll begin welcoming Wendy the second half of August.

What anchored me today? Keeping it simple.....hold it lightly and have some fun!

Jenny suggested that our meetings in the fall go back to 1.5 hours to allow for more discussion.

8/4 5:30 to 7:00 next month

Closing Words - Ben

Don will ask Pierre and Richard  
Judith will reach out and make some calls for anchors