

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 6, 2017, 5:15 PM, Submitted by: Jessica Stout

Attendees: Don Ransom, Anne Marinello, Jessica Stout, Diane Mellinger, Shoshana Belisle

Moment of Silence

Check-in

Review and Approval of Minutes from May meeting

Ongoing Business: (Action Points in Bold)

Review of Services this past month:

Services continue to receive positive reviews from both committee members and congregants who offer feedback. The reactions to Sam and Brad included gratitude for their sharing and for an expanded take on “Mother’s Day”, as well as peaked interest in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be transgender.

Responses to Michael and Jim were also favorable.

The last service involved a last minute cancellation by the scheduled Reflector. However, the service was still full and rich due to the poems/readings provided by the service coordinator, the active “Joys and Concerns”, and a relevant sharing by Linda.

Review of Action Points from Last Meeting:

- a) Don connected with Mohsen Medawi, who will provide the reflection on 6/25.
- b) Mary followed up with Kirtan group who will come on 8/27; Mary will service coordinate. Bridgewater Community Chorus is also currently scheduled for that day.
- c) Anne to follow up with Phyllis about providing the reflection on 9/17.**
- d) Don sent out Guidelines for Guest Reflectors, which now include Diane’s suggestion to alleviate any potential pressure about time constraints on the speaker (i.e. the speaker will have approx. 15 minutes no matter when the Reflection begins). These guidelines were reviewed and approved by the committee.
- e) Committee members read and provided a few poems as part of a collection to be on hand when a last minute Reflection might be

needed. **Committee members will continue to bring in poems to add to this collection.**

Review Future Services:

The list of Future Sunday Services was distributed and reviewed. Reflections are booked out through the end of August, though there are **five vacancies for service coordinators between now and then.**

New Business:

Diane expressed a strong preference to keep the prelude in the traditional place in the order of service. A suggestion was made to begin with Welcome and Announcements and follow with the prelude, though Diane identified ways that this presents challenges in terms of the flow and music selection. Discussed the beginning of Leon's tenure coming up on September 1. His first reflection will be on 9/3, and his Sunday off that month will be 9/17. Discussed conversing with him about how he would like to plan his future Sundays off.

Shoshana distributed her descriptions for the upcoming themes for July, August, and September. **Committee members will review soon and offer feedback before these descriptions are officially posted.**

Next meeting: Tuesday 8/1/17 at 5:15PM

Closing Circle

Adjourn: 6:30 PM