

## Music and Worship Committee – May 5, 2015

Attending: Anne Macksoud, Don Ransom, Jess Horak, Kathy Astemborski, Hope Yaeger, Judith Taylor, Daniel Jantos, Jenny Gelfan, Ben Fox, Diane Mellinger

Opening Words

Check In

7 Principals of Unitarian Universalism – how do we incorporate into the services? How do we take them off the page and infuse them

Could we have 7 people identify how the principles are present in their lives?

Let's continue to discuss at the Retreat

2. Date for Roland Hazard was scheduled for 8/23 but there is another speaker then – Daniel will follow up with Roland – Anne will send him available dates.

3. Jenny and Daniel met to discuss Tenzin Priyadarshi Rinpoche. Jenny spoke with his administrative person and he needs to book a date a year in advance. Anne mentioned that a lot of people in the community might not know who he is and the service/retreat would need promoting.. Jenny is willing to be the “hub” of the work to pursue this, but would need help.

He is a new kind of Buddhist monk – very insightful, funny – videos available on the website.

Anne suggested several other members outside the committee who might be interested in helping pursue this. Jenny will check into the fee.

June Services:

Daniel is willing to be interviewed for the June 7 service. Suggestion was made to offer the congregation an opportunity to provide questions that will be asked. Children will be incorporated into asking the questions. We can discuss further at the retreat as to who might interview Daniel.

June 21 is Father's Day and an opportunity for the men in our church to model how to share with other men/others. Judith has spoken to Alan Kitt who will be leaving the community at the end of the summer and is interested in speaking about topics related to Father's Day.

Jesse is interested in sharing his story of walking on the Appalachian Trail, along with Mary. He might be hiking this summer so Judith will check in with him.

Virginia Bones graduated from Woodstock High School and has done archeological work in Egypt. She would be interested in sharing her experience which she describes as having a spiritual element. Anne will check in with her.

For the retreat we should bring a couple of names of people we think could do a reflection.

Ben Fox is also willing to do a reflection a couple times a year. He is willing to fill in as needed.

Daniel's last service is 6/28 – he is invited to let us know what he'd like to include. Don mentioned there are people outside our committee who are also working on ideas for that service.

Judith suggested a ritual to let Daniel go, send him off with a joyous send off. Something everyone could participate in – what form might that take? We can discuss this further at the Retreat. Inspirations, thoughts, etc. could be sent to Anne ahead of time.

Daniel's Time:

Last month we finished on the idea that our role on this committee might shift from the role of filling things into dates to the idea that our meetings start with the religious, personal questions. And our relationship becomes a connection – very meaningful.

What spiritual issues have been on your mind? What are you dealing with? What are you losing sleep over?

Brainstorming Ideas:

I Am Not I

Naming – God? You? Great Spirit? The Divine? What would it take for us to name that for ourselves?

Coming full circle spiritually

The uncarved block – in that block there is a sculpture and if someone takes a chisel to it, the image is in there. Important metaphor – the potential, an open door? Or a closed one?

What does waking up mean? What is enlightenment? What's the difference between before it happened and after?

If you're thrown a loop – go inside and find the portal – we have all we need in our bodies – we have a haven within ourselves.

One more action step:

We need someone for 5/31 to do the inspiration.