

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 4, 2016, 5:30PM**

Submitted by: Jessica Stout

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

**Opening Words:** Jenny Gelfan

**Moment of Silence**

**Check-in**

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

**Review of Services this past month:**

Overall the committee had positive reactions to the last few services, and members reported on favorable reviews from congregants. Discussed how Rob Hanson's reflection brought in people from his school community, which enhanced the experience.

**Themes: Shoshana Belisle:**

Shoshana handed out a list she had created of Proposed Spiritual Themes corresponding to the months of the year, plus some additional themes to consider. She presented the themes as they relate to the seasons and what the seasons can elicit and "bring forth" in people. The committee explored the various topics and the potential benefit of providing a loose structure for the services in the new year. It was agreed that the themes were adequately broad so as not to be limiting, and that the sense of connection to the natural world would be appropriate and fitting. Discussed the need to communicate the themes in advance to the congregation, perhaps in three-four month increments. Discussed the plan to work on some specific wording that can be presented via various means (i.e. Quest, Order of Service etc).

**New Business:**

Discussed planning for upcoming services. Reflectors and Service Coordinators are for the most part lined up for the remainder of the year. Christmas Eve will be organized by Diane and Anne Macksoud. Anne Marinello is planning to join the Worship Committee in February 2017.

Jenny Gelfan has been in touch with Judith Taylor who has been doing outreach to potential reflectors.

**Action Points:**

Shoshana and Jessica will work on some potential wording to communicate themes to the congregation. This will be circulated amongst committee members for review.

Jenny will approach potential reflectors with the themes that are planned for the beginning of 2017.

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11/1/16 at 5:30PM

**Closing Circle**

**Adjourn:** 6:40PM