

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 14, 2017, 5:30 PM, Submitted by: Jessica Stout**

**Attendees:** Don Ransom, Kathy Astemborski, Mary Blanton, Anne Marinello, Diane Mellinger, Jessica Stout

### **Moment of Silence**

### **Check-in**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes from January meeting**

### **Ongoing Business:**

#### *Review of Services this past month:*

Discussed services since last meeting, including reflections given by Randy Leavitt, Judith Taylor, Jay Kelly, Shoshana Belisle, and Doreen Schweizer. On the whole, committee members provided positive feedback in terms of service quality and content of the reflections.

#### *Guest Reflectors:*

Discussed the need for all committee members to continue to consider people in their lives who could be potential reflectors. Brainstormed various possibilities and potential matches for upcoming themes (see Action Points for details).

#### *Service Coordinators:*

Michael Bachman has been changed to 3/19. Don is currently awaiting word from some possible people he has reached out to.

#### *Music:*

Pierre will be doing the music on 3/5.

#### *Easter:*

Discussed the upcoming Easter service and the need for a reflector that day. Don presented the idea of having Jim Totin, a community minister, speak. Don has had some exchanges with Jim that would suggest he could be an appropriate choice. Discussed the risk of using someone new to the church, particularly on a holiday that might attract more attendees than average. The possibility of having congregants provide the entire service was discussed, as well as reaching out to those who have given successful reflections in the past (i.e. Shyla Nelson). Ultimately, the committee decided to pursue the possibility of Mr. Totin, as having someone with a ministerial sensibility and background could be fitting.

*Other:*

Mary Jean is now scheduled to provide a short, “personal story” on 3/12.

*Future Service Ideas:*

Mother’s Day and Father’s Day: consider having people tell personal stories?

New member day in June: consider having new members speak and share their experiences?

*Questions posed by Board:*

- a. Leadership positions are filled for coming year.
- b. Distributed “Committee Best Practices” details to new members.
- c. Clarified goal of continuing to maintain quality services and stay on top of the schedule.
- d. No specific help from the Board or other committees was identified at this time.

*New Business:*

We will continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month, with a consistent start time of 5:15PM.

**Action Points:**

- 1) Don will send out minutes from Worship Committee retreat last year in an effort to revisit the ideas generated.
- 2) Don will follow up with contacts at Dartmouth about the possibility of providing a reflection about Islam.
- 3) Don will follow up with Jim Totin regarding the possibility of providing a reflection on Easter
- 4) Don will follow up with Michael Zsoldos, Barbara Bartlett, and Michael Stoner regarding giving a future reflection.
- 5) Anne will speak with her daughter about the possibility of giving a reflection about immigration, and also reach out to Elizabeth Reaves about giving a future reflection.
- 6) Mary will reach out to the Kirtan community in White River Junction about possible involvement in a future service.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 3/7/17 at 5:15PM

**Closing Circle**

**Adjourn:** 6:50Pm