

Worship and Music Committee

11/4/14

Attending: Daniel Jantos, Diane Mellinger, Hope Yeager, Hugh Belton, Jenny Gelfan, Jessica Horak, Kathy Astemborski, Carol Egbert, Anne Macksoud, John Steinle, Susan Innui

THERE IS NOTHING WE NEED FROM THE BOARD THIS MONTH

Opening Words: John read Touched By An Angel by Maya Angelou

Check In's

The Committee discussed this past Sunday's reflection which was a conversation between Susan and Daniel. The conversation was appreciated for both its personal content as well as themes that were universal and easily relatable. Susan felt that the service/conversation could be appreciated by others because it was put into context and therefore, applicable to others.

Upcoming Services:

11/30 - Dov Taylor will give the reflection on Thanksgiving

* Service Coordinator will be Neil Marinello.

12/21 - Hope contacted Rob Hansen to see if he'd be interested in doing the reflection on the Solstice. He will check his calendar and let Hope know if that will work. Susan Innui would like to be the service coordinator on this date.

* Hope will let us know if Rob can lock that date in.

1/4/15 - Shyla Nelson is scheduled to speak.

* Anne will check with Shyla to see if she'd like the traditional order of service (or not).

* It was suggested to see if Michael Zsoldos is available to be service coordinator - if not, Anne will do this.

Telos Whitfield will do 4 services while Daniel is away in January and February.

* Daniel will check with Telos to see if she'd like a service coordinator, or not.

* John and Hugh agreed to be service coordinators (if she'd like) as follows:

John - January 11 and February 15

Hugh - January 25 and February 22

In an effort to keep the voices of the community present, it was considered that we could have North Chapel participation via reading poems/thoughts interspersed throughout Telos' service.

1/18/15 - The committee discussed having a special service with a theme relating to the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. The suggestion was made to invite people to

Speak about “where were you when...” Not just about Dr. King’s death, but the civil rights movement as well.

- * Carol and Anne suggested doing a service together and inviting people to speak about their connection to the civil rights movement.

- * Daniel will look for a speaker (perhaps from Dartmouth?)

- * John’s friend, Roger Daley, may be available - John will ask him

11/23 - Venerable Somnieng and Venerable Choeurn will be participating in the service on November 23rd. Daniel will also be present for the service.

Ben Fox was suggested as someone who could come speak about his addiction/recovery work. He is now working with Artistree and helping with Religious Education at the North Chapel.

- * Jess will reach out to him and see if he’s available on 2/1/15 to speak to us.

Aside from specific services we discussed:

- * Daniel suggested all of us paying attention throughout the month to potential themes and ideas that would make interesting services/reflections. We want services to be IRRESISTIBLE! Thoughts/ideas/brain-storms should go to Anne and John throughout the month for further discussion at our next meeting.

- * Daniel let us know we can give him ideas to work on/develop while he’s away in January and February. We continue to explore the idea of identifying themes to share throughout a month or weeks providing continuity on particular topics of interest.

Ideas discussed:

- * Family as a door to being able to see inside ourselves - how do we relate to one another.

- * Memories - sharing memories of past Daniel/community experiences - well wishing - remembering - laughing....

- * The community is stronger than an individual

- * Guaranteeing the continuity of the North Chapel - separate from being dependent on a minister.

- * Radical Hospitality - We need to do better at inviting people in and making them feel welcome/at home. Bigger groups of greeters? Actually asking to sit with people?

- * Sunday mornings matter!

Opening Words in December: Hope