

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2017, 5:15 PM, Submitted by: Jessica Stout

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

Moment of Silence

Check-in

Review and Approval of Minutes from September meeting

Ongoing Business: (Action Points in Bold)

- 1) Discussed Board's request for a committee member to provide a two to three minute reflection during an upcoming service about "what the North Chapel means to you and why you support it financially."
Committee members will consider this request and follow up at the next meeting.
- 2) Worship Committee is in charge of coffee hour in December, and there are five total Sundays. Don indicated that he will be away the last three Sundays of December. **Committee members to sign up for contributions as December approaches.**
- 3) Discussed the placement of food shelf items at the pulpit, and the concern some have about this being inappropriate in a "sacred space". Discussed the alternative of the narthex as a better location, as people will be able to place food in the receptacle on the way into church.
Don will follow up with Wendy about making this change.
- 4) Reviewed services since 9/17. There was consensus that Phyllis had a very positive reception as a guest reflector. In addition, Leon continues to provide rich, compelling reflections while also working cohesively with service coordinators. Committee members support his attention to the ritual of chalice lighting with his accompanying words. One concern to monitor is the length of services, as they have been exceeding an hour (which has historically been seen as an ideal length to aim for). **Committee members will continue to assess how service length becomes drawn out and ways to mitigate this.**
- 5) Review action points from September meeting.
 - a) Shoshana has done a beautiful job writing descriptions of upcoming worship themes. **Shoshana will meet with Leon to**

discuss upcoming themes, as well as the use of themes in general after this calendar year.

- b) Committee discussion regarding the “gifts” embedded in each theme deferred to future meeting with Leon present.**
- 6) Review Future Services**
 - a) Decision regarding Leon’s Sunday off in December deferred to future meeting with Leon present.**
 - b) Discussed the issue of Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, and how the morning service might be modified in some way given the evening services that night. Discussion of this will continue.**

Closing Circle

Adjourn: 6:25 PM

Next Meeting: November 7th at 5:15