



## Minutes from Committee Chair Meeting, 2/16/20

The chairs of all committees were invited to the second yearly Committee Chair meeting. In attendance were Karen Churchil (Worship & Music), Dana Kintigh (Board Liaison to Social Justice), Kate Doyle (Children and Youth Religious Education), Carol Valentine (Memorial Garden), Davalene Cooper (Social Justice), Brenda Black (Social Justice), Rick Mattilla (Building & Grounds), Ken Read Brown (Lifelong Learning, Pastoral Care, Minister), Janet Asnes (Board of Trustees President)

The meeting began at 12:05 pm.m with a welcome and chalice lighting.

Each committee chair gave an overview of the work they are doing, any areas they need support and upcoming dates they wanted to call attention to.

**Worship & Music - Karen Churchill:** The summer retreat went well. They are planning on organizing and participating in the service on March 15th. Music Director Christopher Nickelson-Mann is working on the budget for next year. The committee has been reviewing the goals of the committee. It would be nice to have a few more members. Karen emphasized that every committee's goal should always include being welcoming and encouraging membership.

**Children & Youth Religious Education - Kate Doyle:** The committee has three applicants for the interim DRE position. It has been advertised as part time, although no specific hours have been set yet. The committee is focused on getting as much information and institutional memory from Beverly before she retires. There is still a need for a Youth Advisor since Sarah Hurley moved. For now, Beverly and Maureen Butler are committed to filling this role for the remainder of the year. Our Youth are planning a brief service trip to New York City in April and Pride Day in June. They have also mentioned missing their own programming since Sarah Hurley left.

**Memorial Garden - Carol Valentine:** The Memorial Garden is a small committee and Lorraine Varney-Riggs is the primary contact. They have completed the engravings. They are always looking for volunteer gardeners, a position open to everyone. They will mention this in a newsletter or an upcoming constant contact.

**Lifelong Learning - Ken Read-Brown:** This committee will be meeting in March to plan classes for next year. There was discussion regarding if there are ways we have of advertising these classes more since they are a wonderful way of bringing new people to Old Ship. Ideas included the Hingham Anchor, Facebook, flyers at the Hingham Public Library and the Patriot Ledger. Men's Breakfast and the Way of the Bodhisattva continue to thrive.

**Committee on Ministry - Ken Read-Brown:** The Committee on Ministry consists of six members meet monthly to review all of our ministries.

**Building & Grounds - Rick Mattila:** Building & Grounds has a lot of work todo and could always use more volunteers. Currently they are working on a master list of critical issues that need to be addressed for the Parish House. They feel strongly that Old Ship needs a staff person, in addition to our sexton, who can act as a facilities manager or clerk of the works. This job would support the volunteers of the B&G committee in managing any contractors that are needed. This could be a temporary position but would be a necessity should the parish vote for a capital campaign to renovate the Parish House. Building & Grounds wants to emphasize that the entire Old Ship committee must be committed to supporting the master list.

**Green Sanctuary, Social Justice -Brenda Black:** The recent forum "Electrify Your Life" went very well. In March they will be sponsoring Project Hope. The Green Sanctuary Committee needs someone to lead it as our two key leaders on this committee are focused on Hingham Net Zero. In order to continue as an accredited Green Sanctuary by the UUA, Old Ship needs to report back to the UUA on our progress.

**Social Justice, UUSC - Davalene Cooper:** February 23rd we are sponsoring Honduras Hope with a special plate collection and selling woven baskets. On March 22nd, Justice Sunday, our guest preacher will be Heather Vickory. There will be a forum on temporary protected status and a soup lunch. For those interested, there will also be postcard writing in support of justice issues. The UUSC has a program for congregations that may be interested in sponsoring and/or hosting an asylum seeker. Social Justice will be talking more about this over the next few months. Old Ship has received recognition and awards from the UUSC for # of members, amount of money and the Guest at our Table program. May 14th is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the UUSC and there will be a celebration at the Kennedy Library.

**Nurturing Community Council - Ivy Butterworth:** (not present but sent an email). More assistance is always needed, specifically in the Sunday Caring Tasks of ushering, hosting fellowship hour and staffing the Welcome Table. Right now the Welcome table is staffed mainly by members of NCC. It would be helpful if more committees volunteers to host fellowship hour, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to do this. Many thanks to Social Justice for signing up to host in March. NCC continues to sponsor community dinners and Saturday suppers. Upcoming dates include Saturday supper on February 22nd, Pie Day on March 15th during fellowship hour, Community Dinner on March 28th, New Members Sunday on March 29th

**Board of Trustees - Janet Asnes, President:** The Annual Pledge Campaign is kicking off on March 1st. The Board is running it again, which is not the best policy. There is a proposal to form a Stewardship & Generosity Committee that has been distributed to all committees to congregants for feedback. Also shared was the report from Liz Coit on our Next Steps Weekend. General Assembly is in Providence, R.I this year and we are encouraging as many Old Shippers to attend as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.