

PROGRAM TEAM MEETING NOTES  
December 11, 2024 – Monday, 2pm

PRESENT: Daksha Bauman, Anne Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Annie Guppie, Joanna Hefferen, Shelia Moir, Joan Tibbett

OPENING: Anne: Reading *Universe Story* by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker

MINUTES: Nov 12, 2024 – approved unanimously

EVALUATION: Recent Events

- Chris Farrow-Noble's Reading *Marta's Mission* ((Oct) 15 attendees
  - Chris and husband have long history with RFS - Book many years of work
  - Shared publishing experience
- Art Exhibit – *Be Still: Celebrating the Winter Solstice*
  - Big success: turnout and food
  - Age diversity!
- Meeting between RFS Program Team & Board
  - Strengthen communication between
  - Elaine Hewes facilitated members identification of passion
  - Passions serve as basis for small committee work
  - Quarterly meeting (Report out on each committee's progress)

Questions: Accountability of committees?

Monies raised by Programs: how is it accounted for and budgeted?

- Women's Circle: Winter Wellness Theme Dec 1, 2024 – 2pm
  - Women exchange accumulated wisdom (actual foot cure!)
  - Annie shared knowledge of Chinese medicine

ONGOING EVENTS

- Buddhist Meditation: Shelia M – 6-8 attendees
- Buddhist Study: Sonia T on Sunday mornings 3-5 attendees
- Tai Chi & Qi Gong: Mia K 6-8 attendees M & Th
  - Husband's surgery has impacted regularity
  - Moves to Community Center after 12/21
  - Advent Spiral removed after Christmas - Tony
  - Resumes schedule after Jan 1st
- Art Club: Coordinator: Joan T
- Life Drawing: Joan T (backup –Sarah Leighton) 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month
  - Donation: \$15 per person Model - \$30 per hour (\$60-70 per session)

- 3-5 attendees. Currently negative numbers - Joan buys supplies.
- Helps attract people into the building
- Suggestion- build relationship w/GSA art teacher to identify students
- Book Club: Coordinator: *Daksha* – Tuesday, 11am –attendees 5-6
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup>/RFS: *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* – Robert McBride

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter Solstice: Advent Spiral - 12/21/24 - 4pm Coordinator: *Anne*
- Setup Saturday, 12/21 10 am - Bring clippings from tips of spruce
- Music: Jackie, Kathleen(cello) and Suzy Fay (violin)
- Parking: Snow's possible – call
- Women's Circle: Sunday, Jan 5, 2025 – 2:00-3:30pm Coordinator: *Anne*
- Avis Poole Memorial Chowder Luncheon: 1/11/25 – 11:30-2pm  
Coordinator/s: Bec
- To honor this tradition originated by Bec's Mom in RFS space
- Large response from volunteers: Bec has the list of volunteers
- Daksha will call Maine Shellfish order 35lb & pickup haddock \$4-5.50 per lb.
- **Possible fundraiser? Suggested donation?**
- A Joyful Noise: 1/18/25 (Sat) 1:30-3:30 – Coordinator/s: *Daksha & Annie*
- 12 vocalists (more) & instrumentalists
- Art Show– Bec takes down show that morning
- MLK Memorial Gathering: 1/19/25 (S) **2:00?** Coordinator: *Elaine*
- Rob confirmed with Elaine
- Paintings TBD by Rob
- Hang MLK portrait over entry
- **Volunteers needed – do they contact Gary? Parking?**
- Eco-Spirituality Gathering: Andi Lloyd 1/26/25 (S)  
Coordinators: Anne/Tony meet with Andi 1/2/25– determine time
- Resumes for a new year – schedule on website
- Confirm time – Andi has church activities until....?
- Art Show: *Realms of Enchantment* 2/14 – 3/30 – Coordinator: Joan
- Intergenerationally diverse
- Opens Valentine's Day - Feb 14 4pm– 7pm
- Ongoing workshops: Jadyne LaDeau – Felting Animals / Fairie Houses - Nancy Brown – still planning

- Frederica Marshall: 3/08 (Sat) 10am-3pm will offer felting a forest animal
- Talisman Workshop - **Cost for 5 hr wksp \$75?**

#### ONGOING & UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS and ACTIVITIES

- Engaging Youth Committee – Report
  - Annie, Lola & Joanna met and created an action plan
  - Annie activated plan and reported:
    - Met with Tim and Lydia at Tinder Hearth – they identify housing as young people’s most pressing issue
    - Interest in buying Kim Peralta’s for employee housing. House price is lowered, but large down payment needed - \$200K. Possible collaboration on fundraising
    - Housing Planning Grant with Hancock Co. January meeting to edit and rewrite grant to access money.
    - Suggestion - contact Work Force
    - RFS role to be defined
- Kitchen Cleaning Day – Coordinator: *Daksha*
  - Daksha has been hard at work organizing
  - Name a Cleanup Day and rally volunteers to complete
- Grants
  - Daksha working on and researching Maine Community Foundation Grant to fund position (part-time) RFS Program Manager
  - Define position’s roles and responsibilities and explore sustainability
- Blue Hill Coop: April – June    Coordinator: *Joan*
  - RFS is April’s organization for “Change for Good”
  - Need 1-pager, pictures to be placed across from checkout registers
  - June – RFS hangs show in COOP for the month

#### RFS WEBSITE CONCERNS    Coordinator: Bec

- Challenging info flow Inputting and correcting info needs too difficult
- Drop-down needs to be redesigned
- Advent Spiral: on website calendar
- Deadline of Wednesday morning to Brook – anyone can submit. It will come out the following Thursday.
- Daksha – emails copy to Brook and Cc’s Bec. D follows up by email if change is needed on her submissions to Brook

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 8, 2025 – 2:00-3:30PM