

April 6, 2022

Highland Presbyterian Church Adult Ed Meeting Minutes

Present: Kevin Burns, John Ferré, Megan McCarty, Linda Valentine, Melissa Worthey

1. We reflected on the well-attended sessions with Dan Rift and Laurie Kraus discussing disaster relief in Ukraine on March 20; Jennifer Harvey talking about her book *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America* on March 27; and John Hale explaining the evolution of religion on April 3. Linda Valentine said that Panera was good caterer and suggested that three or four people should arrive 15 minutes ahead of time to make final preparations.

2. For the walking tour of Cave Hill Cemetery to learn about the symbolism of grave markers on Saturday, May 14, Linda Valentine will send an announcement to Rob Miller and Kathleen Poole for HPC's newsletter and weekly bulletin. Interested participants should notify the church office beforehand.

3. The summer faith and film series will be a series of five meetings between July 10 and August 7. Participants may watch the movies online, borrow DVDs from the church office, or watch them in the youth media center in the Pleune-Mobley building from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. We will discuss them on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., maybe in the fellowship hall. Pending the availability of moderators, the schedule will look something like:

| <u>Film</u> | <u>Showing</u> | <u>Discussion</u> | <u>Discussion Leader</u> |
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| <i>A Time for Burning</i> (1966) | July 6 | July 10 | Larry Hartog |
| <i>Statues: This is what we Stand for?</i> (2021) | July 13 | July 17 | Morgan Atkinson |
| <i>CODA</i> (2021) | July 20 | July 24 | Jason Squires |
| <i>Don't Look Up</i> (2021) | July 27 | July 31 | Martin Hall |
| <i>Encanto</i> (2021) | August 3 | August 7 | Rhonda Hibdon |

Kevin and Megan agreed to sweet talk and twist arms to arrange some version of this schedule. Kevin hopes to find a teenage church member to facilitate the Wednesday evening showings for pay and for glory.

4. We agreed to contribute \$1000 from the adult ed budget to bring Kerry Connelly to Highland on May 17 to train trainers on HPC's anti-racism efforts.

5. For the fall speaker series on the theme of "The Church as a Source of Hope," we are considering the following speakers:

- Stachelle Bussey, the Hope Bus

- Someone from Housing Partnership, Inc. to discuss the \$500,000 loan that HPC made for affordable housing
- Jim McGee, Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center, to discuss mental health

6. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 5 p.m. on Zoom.