

CIC Townhall - June 3rd 2012

We did a quick review of what happened at the previous meeting.

Lester is doing the financial report for Eve. The request for folks to get their pledge money in worked well and we are looking good for the Summer. He also handed out a spreadsheet that shows our current status.

Nika pointed out the children's snack were a big part of our snacks this evening. She is looking for some help with the hiring that will have to happen in August for next Fall. We need to hire an elementary teacher. With the improved weather the numbers are down right now. There was a question about how having the middlers together with the high schoolers is working. The sense was after a bit of 'getting used to it' it has been going pretty smooth. There are individuals that show, if their friends do.

Kathy is looking for any folks that want to join the Salvation Army dinner prep/serve email list. Betty asked to be added.

Connections Committee reported on the evaluation done last week. Pat did the presentation, from the 29 forms that had been turned in.

- One concern mentioned was the smaller numbers of kids in the program.
- People like the leadership and the celebrations.
- Folks like the music, dance, stories.
- Mixed on poetry, and meditation.
- Kathleen got high marks and positive comments.
- Townhall is highly thought of but not very well attended.
- A question about maybe emailing townhall minutes to members.
- A sense that there wasn't an "in" group.
- Most thought that we were a 'welcoming' group.
- We might want to be more careful with political comments.
- There are still some comments about not being able to hear what is going on.
- We are needing reach out to 'lapsed' members.
- We may need more volunteers for 'care committees' as our group ages.
- We want to continue the fruit sale,
- and keep in touch with our history.

We try and keep track of 'issues' and keep on a list for action at a future townhall meeting.

We probably need to address the fruit sale program as soon as possible. Are Kathy and John going to do it again? We need to get enough volunteers on-board as soon as possible. The Dept. of Ecology has changed some of their policies, and it has really cut into the orders from folks in that department. We may need to remind the community how much good the fruit sale does for our larger community. Annie suggested we have a "cash donation" option for folks not interested in purchasing, but wanting to support the organizations anyway. We may want to collect home emails for state workers to avoid policy changes. We should address the fruit sale in one of the first townhalls in September. (Sept. 16th is the first one.) We may want to talk about the fruit sale at Ft Flager.

Maybe we need an article in Wavelinks, plus an announcement or two, about being more careful about political comments.

It was suggested that maybe we do an evaluation questionnaire for the kids to fill out, about their programs. This might lead to the kids taking more 'ownership' of their programs. It was discussed that maybe we should do this even before next Sunday for the older youth.

Thad noted that 'big plans', a trip or something, seemed to keep the kids involved. Annie felt that we could do a service project locally and it would have a smaller carbon footprint. A sense that we could do something as early as this Fall.

Forms are still trickling in. Pat is going to put a report together for distribution at the September townhall.

Suggestion, from Penny, that minutes from townhall could be read at the next celebration. This could involve more folks in the 'business' of CIC. A counter proposal would be to just email them, or maybe put them in a Google/Yahoo group where folks can comment. Betty felt we should ask the community what solutions they liked. Penny still feels strongly that reading the minutes in celebration might get the community more involved. Maybe just making a 'report' would be enough. Thad volunteered to ask the community at the next celebration if they want to hear a townhall report. He will do this at one of the first celebrations in September, prior to the first townhall in September. Kathy will remind Thad and we want this to be short, and engaging.

Kathy was wondering about how things were going with the folks that have stepped in to cover for Kathleen's sabbatical. There was a question about who was covering for the "pastor's fund" - apparently it is Kathy. We are going to re-publish the 'coverage' document so folks have access. Scott will post on the website so a link can be put in an email/Wavelinks for the community. While we are cover things - we do want Kathleen back!

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.