

## **CIC Town Hall**

### **April 6, 2014**

Attending: Kathy Pruitt, Hilarie Hauptman, Nika Keller, Julie Waters, Scott Bishop, Lori Doron , Gina and Bob ?, Kathleen Peppard, Jo Curtz, LeeannTourtillott, Evie Fagergren, Betty Hauser and Connections Community members, Dick Hauser, Pat Starzyk and Penny Purkerson.

Previous Minutes from March 2nd Town Hall were read by Penny P and accepted.

#### **Actions Taken:**

1. Decided to bring Kate Ayer's back as a 4th grade and up teacher. She will start on the 27th of April, and lead until Mid June. Town Hall will re-evaluate at last meeting in June about whether we hire Kate for Fall. We encourage Nika to send out emails about what the program will be each Sunday. Ask Kate to reach out to the former youth group and plan one event with them before the Spring is up. Pay her for that. We decided to advertise in a big way that Kate is coming back; wave links, emails etc. She's a treasure!

Remind parents that the kind of attendance we have this Spring will impact our decisions in the Fall about hiring. (See Nika's report)

2. Discussed not having a traditional Town Hall in May. Kal Durant , Evie's friend is willing to come and lead Swing Dancing on May 11th. 6:45 to 8:00 PM. We'll put out a donations hat for Kal. It will take the place of our Town Hall. Encourage a munchies potluck. Maybe a table with puzzles and games for non-dancers. Evie will invite Youth Group by email.

3. We liked the idea of wearing name tags. Betty will look for some old tags from years ago and Penny will bring some new tag samples. Anne K. is tweaking the Wavelinks to be more welcoming. Other ideas will go back to the hospitality committee to work on. See Report #2.

#### **Reports:**

##### **1. Nika's Youth and Children's Program Coordinator report:**

Kate Ayers, our previous youth group leader who has been on hiatus, was approached about doing theater games and Interfaith holidays with our 4th grade and up aged kids. That group would be 3-4 kids, maybe more.

Viktoria Rush had to quit. Parents decided not to re-hire with only a few Sundays left before Summer.

Parents and others are volunteering to stay with Pre-schoolers'. Attendance has

been 2 to 9. Grade school has been 4 kids. Total kid attendance can be up to 14. Kindergarteners will move to a K-3 class with Trina to lighten the preschool load. Kindergarten kids to join Jackson and Sophie and Jonah in K-3 with Trina Bishop. Tobe, Kaia and Skye and Emelyn will be Kate Ayer's group. Older Youth plan is for having them join the adult program when they can come.

**2. Hospitality Committee** has met and Hilarie H. brought many good ideas from them. Town Hall was very open to all of them. They will update the booklet info on what greeters should do and separate the Crop Walk table and greeters table in the future. We liked the idea of They want more members to join them.

**Discussion:**

Hospitality Committee is: Karen Lohmann, Anne Kilgannon, Genne Beach and Hilarie Hauptman. Their ideas:

Discussed the quiet walk time vs. visiting. Have a welcome banner on the fact that we're here. Actually we do have 2 banners at the office. They are wide. Maybe a vertical banner.

Make cards for new folks to put in a box. Find a way for greeters/hospitality folks to contact new people.

Have a tea on a Sunday at 4:00, maybe once a month. Dinner for newbies.

Jo suggested we do name tags. Could we have a Sandwich board? A sign on the upstairs door? Web site picture of how to find us? This could increase jobs for our set up and greeters. Need to talk to them about it.

More potlucks were discussed. Always need people to take on the coordination.

Discussed the 2 issues of trying to draw people in vs. welcoming those who are here on a given Sunday.

**3. Attendance issue report by Evie:**

Email went out to ask for community thoughts about lower than usual attendance this Winter. Evie reported, 7 responses. No big reasons for absence. Overall thoughts were that they really care about CIC, just not able to come regularly.

**4. Kathleens report:**

See Attachment I

**5. Budget Report by Evie:**

See Attachment II

**Other Business:**

Dick and Betty will lead at Fort Flagler this Spring! We need leaders for the Fall Fort Flagler, before we break for Summer as Kathleen will not be able to attend at

the Labor Day retreat.

We did not have a process person tonight. We'll be sure to appoint a process tracking person for subsequent town hall's.

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### **Attachment I:**

CIC Town Hall Report 4/6/14  
Kathleen Peppard, Lay Leader  
Last Town Hall Report 3/2/14

**Summary:** Attendance at Sunday celebrations is up (mid-40s). Evie drafted a letter which was signed by her and several other CICers; I think this made a difference. Plans are coming along for the seder (led by Hilarie Hauptman and Miriam Sterlin, hosted by Knapps) and Easter. My week of leave was refreshing and I came back feeling refreshed, more spacious and creative, less pressured.

### The Details:

#### Celebrations:

3/9/14 Hearing the Call of CIC, Jo Curtz  
3/16 "Live welcoming to all": Community and Hospitality, KP  
3/23 One of life's certainties: Death, Leeann Tourtillott with stories from Kayta Tourtillott, Hilarie Hauptman, Judy Olmstead  
3/30 Walking in the Valley: A Grief Journey, Anne Kilgannon  
4/6 This one wild and precious life, KP

#### Coming up:

Passover seder at the Knapps' with Hilarie and Miriam leading  
Work party at and with TUCO next Sat., 4/12, 9-12  
Easter at the South Bay Grange 4/20

Fort Flagler May 16-18

#### Meetings/groups/functions attended:

Tues. Meditation - weekly  
CIC Ash Wed. service 3/5  
Dream group 3/20, 4/3  
Progressive Christian Book group 3/4, 4/1  
Steering Circle 3/25  
Social Justice group 3/22  
+ meetings with individual members and celebration leaders

Connections with the Larger Community:

- I was invited to participate in the memorial service for Steffe Jewell at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Lacey; five of us from CIC attended.
- Attended Blintzapalooza

Annual leave: I took one week in March.