

CIC TOWN HALL MINUTES
21 September 2014

Participants present: Betty Hauser, Kathleen Peppard, Kathy Pruitt, Nika Keller, Scott Bishop, Dick Hauser, Eve Fagergren, Jo Curtz, Cheryl Dailey, Leeann Tourtillott.

Decisions made are in bold type.

Process observer was Cheryl Dailey.

Minutes: none available

Minister's Report: Kathleen Peppard (see attachments)

Our last TownHall was in April, 5 months ago. Seder and Easter were both well attended and the spring Fort Flagler retreat had adequate attendance. We participated in CROP Walk and in June celebrated four youth graduating from high school and not only marched in the Pride Parade but also had a table in Sylvester Park on Sunday. There were fewer summer activities, perhaps because they have not been so well attended in the past. There was no Flagler Labor Day retreat but Megan Parke and Vonda Witley organized a day retreat at Millersylvania Park with about 30 in attendance. We could still use a few more members on the Celebration Planners committee. Also this might be a year of challenge for us because we have several families in need with health issues. Kathleen couldn't find any fairly local retreats for her professional education this summer, so she created her own self-planned study week, mostly reading and finding one really useful book.

Fruit Sale: Kathy Pruitt

Kathy reminded us that it was time to decide whether or not to hold the Fruit/Chocolate/Coffee Sale this year. Penny Purkerson, Miriam Sterlin and Nika Keller have committed to working on the sale, but one more person is needed and October 21st is the date for making Fruit Sale proposals. **It was agreed that, pending the addition of one more coordinator by October 14th, the Fruit Sale is approved for this year.**

Youth and Children's Program Coordinator: Nika Keller

So far this fall the attendance has been 10, 11 and 8 kids in Sunday school. The preschool position is close to closure. Kayta has been filling in for several weeks during the hiring process and we should have a teacher hired by mid-October. The other two classes are going well. There rooms are better balanced this year and teachers are able to do more.

Social Justice Committee: Betty Hauser

The committee still has four committed members. Karen Tvedt organized the table and volunteers at the Pride Celebration. The table was visited by many people doing the activity that Kathleen had planned. The committee is requesting \$75 in the 2015 budget to pay for the booth next year.

Call Shepherd: Leeann Tourtellott

There was a good response to the day retreat at Millersylvania State Park. Some people said that they liked having it closer. Karen Tvedt and Patti Logan have volunteered to be the Interfaith Works representatives and Jonnel Anderson has agreed to organize volunteers to be Greeters. We do need someone to update the contact list.

Finance Shepherd: Eve Fagergren (see attachments)

This was the first look at the 2015 budget. Evie began by showing us how the 2014 budget is progressing. We went a little over budget on the UCC Annual Meeting and Duplication, but substantially under in the Youth Group. Lester Krupp, our treasurer, is a little concerned about the low amount in the checking account, but we will probably have enough by the end of September. It was suggested that anyone unsure of their pledge balance should contact Lester. Next, Eve presented the 2015 proposed budget. It gives employees a 3% raise where appropriate. **After discussion Town Hal raised Duplication slightly to \$200, and made a Social Justice category with \$75. We also raised the rent from \$400/month to \$420/month, the UCC Mission from \$700 to \$1200 and the Interfaith Works from \$400 to \$500. The last two category figures came from the 2013 spending. All of these figures depend on getting enough pledges and the final approval at the Annual Meeting.** We can reduce the phone budget once Evie gets the figures for this year from Lester. We want to use Hal Spencer's thermometer again during our pledge raising. Leeann will fill in the thermometer as pledges come in.

The next Town Hall is October 19th where proposals for spending the Fruit Sale proceeds will be heard. Another Town Hall will occur November 9th to review the pledge drive and other business. Topics for Town Hall should be given to a Steering Circle member.

Minutes submitted by Betty Hauser filling in for Penny P.

CIC leadership:

Lay Minister, Kathleen Peppard
Town Hall Facilitator, Kathy Pruitt
Finance Shepherd, Eve Fagergren

Call Shepherd, Leeann Tourtellott
Clerk: Penny Purkerson
(Treasurer, Lester Krupp)