

October 18, 2015 Town Hall Meeting
Kathy Pruitt, Facilitator

In attendance:

Scott and Trina Bishop, Thad and Jo Curtz, Olivia Giglio, Hilarie Hauptman, Dick and Betty Hauser, Nika Keller, Kathy Kinard, Kathy Pruitt, Karen Ray, Jan Rocks, Karen Tvedt, Leeann Tourtilott, and Lori Waterman. Guests included: Carry Stringer/Sarafina Riegel (Dispute Resolution Center), Danny Kadden (Interfaith Works), and Paula Rauen (Olympia Free Clinic).

The primary intent of this meeting was to consider applications for the money we raise from the fruit sale; two additional agenda items were addressed at the end of the meeting.

Fruit Sale Proposals

Kathy asked each person making a request to present the name, address, organization and amount of money requested (see short proposals that were submitted).

1. *Carry Stringer/Sarafina Riegel* (www.mediatethurston.org); *Dispute Resolution Center*. Requested \$1,000 to implement an afterschool pilot project to promote conflict resolution skills and restorative justice practices in two middle-schools in Thurston County (\$800 to compensate leaders/\$200 for snacks). Approximately 40 students would participate.
2. *Olivia Giglio* (<http://communityyouthservices.org>); *Community Youth Services, Rosie's Place Drop-In Center*. Requested \$750 to purchase nine additional lockers to be used by homeless and street dependent youth needing to store their backpacks or gear.
3. *Kathy Kinard* (www.olypie.org); *Olympia Pie Bakers Guild*. Requested \$250 to offset room rental at the Olympia Center for the Thurston County Food Bank and Senior Nutrition Program annual fundraiser.
4. *Paula Rauen* (www.theolympiafreeclinic.com); *The Olympia Free Clinic*. Requested \$800 to allow the clinic to purchase medications for patients (commonly disbursed medications). Betty Hauser, CIC sponsor.
5. *Danny Kadden* (www.interfaith-works.org); *Interfaith Works Overnight Emergency Shelter Program*. Requested \$800 to help address a \$10,000 funding gap from Thurston County. Funds will help keep program operating smoothly and on budget. Kathy Pruitt, CIC sponsor.
6. *Leeann Tourtilott*; *South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group*. Requested \$300 to purchase three new backpacks (and teaching materials) for volunteers to use when they take kids on field trips.
7. *Kathy Pruitt/Kathy Kinard*; *CIC's Salvation Army meals*. Requested \$1,680 to purchase food for the meals CIC cooks and serves at the Salvation Army (second Saturday of the month).

Total requested: \$5,580.00. All requests were approved by consensus. Should our fruit sale receipts fall below that amount, we agreed to proceed as follows:

- The Salvation Army and Olympia Pie Bakers Guild requests would be funded in full.
- The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) request would be reduced to \$500 (one pilot).
- If a shortfall remains after reducing the DRC amount, the remaining four requests will be

reduced by a proportionate amount to stay within the funds available.

Hiring Committee/Possible Article

As part of publicizing CIC's search for a new lay leader, Karen Ray contacted The Olympian about the possibility of doing a notice in the religion section of the paper. She learned that The Olympian no longer has a religion section, but is interested in doing an article about CIC (preferably with a picture). Such an article could help advertise the fruit sale along with our search for a lay leader.

CIC members were emailed about The Olympian's interest in doing an article; no concerns were expressed. Full support was given to proceeding with such an article. The hiring committee was granted the authority to negotiate logistics including identifying several articulate members to be interviewed. Karen R indicated that Hal Spencer encourages us to identify several themes or points to focus on in the interviews.

Bee-Kind

Karen Tvedt gave a brief overview of the Interfaith Works Bee-Kind initiative to encourage use of organic plants and reduce the use of neonicotinoids (a class of pesticides that are likely a leading factor in bee colony collapse). Interfaith Works is asking faith communities to sign-onto a letter to local garden stores asking that they support this effort. After endorsements by the CIC Social Justice Committee and Steering Committee, an email was sent to the CIC list serve explaining the initiative and encouraging members to let us know if they have concerns. No concerns were expressed so we will proceed in endorsing the initiative and letter.

Meeting was adjourned!

Submitted by Karen Tvedt