

## **CIC Townhall 2016/01/17**

In attendance: Leanne, Kathy, Evie, Scott, Trina and Scott, Jo, Thad, Dick, Betty, Jan R, Jonnel, Karen T.

Welcome and focus of Townhall

### **Minutes**

- Penny is missing tonight so we don't have minutes from the last meeting

### **Lay Leader Report (See Attached)**

#### **Call Shepard report by Jan Rocks**

- Jan may take Evie's finance position
- Jonnel is not going to 'chase' greeters anymore
  - (1) We could have 'standing' greeters (with backups) like the setup folks -or-
  - (2) we could have an online DOC so folks could do it that way
  - ... there was a feeling that option #1 would work best, but #2 has some advantages
- the decision will be finalized by Annual Meeting
- Jo is taking over for Lester Krupp as Treasurer

#### **Social Justice Committee**

- Email and individual endorsements having to do with the revisions to the law regarding the use of deadly force by law enforcement. We have 30 endorsement at this point. The revisions are in draft form which they hope to be finalized early this next week.
- Proposal to endorse as a community, but this would depend on the procedure to be developed shortly.
- Our local legislators are already 'on board'
- Evie asked if Townhall could pass it and just ask the rest of the community for concerns?
- We need the procedure and then we follow it!
- We may want to wait until the actual bill language is available.
- Karen Twedt was interested in sponsoring this but then withdrew.

#### **Procedure for endorsements**

- We went over how this has been done in the past
- Evie feels that we should have a sponsor for each issue
- Evie felt that the sponsor should bring the issue to a Townhall and not start at Steering Circle
- The problem with processing it via Townhall is that it doesn't happen very often
- We need to be able to reach folks that aren't on email should include phone calls and at celebrations
- We just may not be able to respond very quickly
- The sense was that it should come to a Townhall, maybe even a special called Townhall
- Karen T. seemed to think folks were 'fired up' about this current issue
- Jan R. expressed concern that we should have comprehensive information in order to make a decision
- Proposal - a sponsor would bring a proposal to Steering Circle to filter proposals 'as no

objections' before the sponsor provides announcements to be sent out via email, Wavelinks, and celebration announcements. Townhall would make a decision unless that would delay things too much, in which case Steering Circle could validate the response to the communications. We will wait one week for folks to give any objections.

- There was a question as to who would decide if there was enough information to make a good decision.

### **Proposed 2016 Budget:**

- Evie described the handouts. She pointed out specifically where we have 'saved' money during 2015, section by section.
- There is an outstanding question about the Pride Parade booth charge.
- We did very well in meeting our pledges during 2015.
- We had a 'carry over' of \$12,999!
- Then we looked at the proposed 2016 budget. There are a few numbers she is still checking on.
- She included the 3% raise for all existing staff.
- The UCC Annual Meeting budget line was discussed and the doubling the money looks about right. It still might not cover it all and folks should be 'warned' if they are going to attend. We will review after the upcoming year.
- On the 'income side' we are short, but we do have the very large carry-over.
- Dick proposed that we use enough of our carry-over to balance the budget and most of the remainder could be given to TUCO for some of their 'capital' expenses. Betty feels that we should hang onto a little bit as a 'rainy day' fund. So some lesser amount would be available for a gift to TUCO. The sense that \$3000 would be about right a gift to TUCO for capital improvement.
- Jan proposed that we set aside \$1000 for a scholarship to a CIC member to take a class on a religious topic at a local college or workshop. Maybe wait until we see how things go in future years. We could fund it this year and let it ride if it is not spent in 2016. Jo is concerned that this is too much change for this coming year. Proposal tabled for now.
- Jo proposed that the UCC Mission/Outreach/Social Justice should go back up to \$1600 (it was lowered in 2012).
- We have consensus on the proposed budget.

**Other:-** Betty announced Selena is going to write an article for Olympia Power & Light about CIC and its history.

**Next:** Annual Meeting and Budget approval January 24. Submitted by Scott Bishop