

Town Hall minutes, September 18, 2016

Kathy Pruitt, opened the meeting. In attendance: Megan, Scott, Dick, Trina, Leeann, Tammy, Vonda, Lori W, Karen R, Selena, Sabra, Ramona, Ted, Jo, Corey, Jan R, Gene, Betty, Hilarie, Nika, Penny, and Genne B.

Minutes from May 15, 2016 were read and approved.

Vonda/Corey discussed new signage that TUCO is doing that will include us. We can be visually represented here in this building. Need to consider how we want to represent ourselves. This is a start up discussion and we need to think about a process to get it going. We may have a a few months to prepare for this.

Minister's report by Corey

Topics:

~Workshops he's attending: Talked about the Multiple Religious Belonging conference (Sponsored by the UCC and the World Council of Churches) in October in Seattle. In addition to this I will be taking a little time off in November for a wedding. Mentioned that I recently attended a clergy breakfast for Interfaith Works and was able to meet various clergy and start the process of becoming networked with them.

~Official ordination will not be Sept. 26 but we will do a potluck and celebrate the beginning of our year together w/Corey and his family. Ordination with UCC will take some more planning to incorporate interfaith language into the language of the ceremony. We have a chance to create something with UCC that has never been done before and that will take time.

~lighting in our celebration space. There is interest from the celebration committee in reviewing the lighting. The group approved using money from the Celebration line item for cushions and lamps. We will also check to see if the upcoming TUCO renovation might be able to address the lighting. The celebration committee will talk to TUCO.

~He made a Facebook page for CIC - discussed privacy and who manages it. Lots of good reasons to use it. Celebration previews and events are being put on it now. We created a small group (Leeann and Ted and Corey and Tammy P) to begin it. This will be a new call. They are in charge of posting and managing our Facebook. It was proposed that when new people are needed, Corey will make suggestions to the steering circle for new members of this group.

We reached consensus!

Kathy Reviewed the Consensus process. (See attached.)

Jan Vleck as **Benevolence treasurer** proposed we authorize Corey, Jo C. and Jan V. to be authorized signatories at the bank. (See Attached) We reached consensus.

Budget report and proposed 2017 budget by Jan Rocks (See Attached)

~Genne suggested we find out what TUCO is planning when they remodel next year and be part of that discussion.

~ We were reminded that there is capital expense money in a CD of over \$10,000 that could go to major expenses like on a new rug, lighting and seating etc.

~We are going to have the celebration committee move forward, with money from this 2016 budget, for new circle seating on the floor and lighting to warm up our celebration space.

~We added \$300 to a new discretionary fund under program expenses. This makes money available for things like Pizza for a meeting, etc.

~We proposed that we raise the \$251.00 in celebrations to \$750.00 and any money left over at the end of the year, in that fund, be rolled over from year to year.

If the budget needs to be cut, when pledges are in, we would cut this back to \$400 before we cut staff salaries. Our minister's pay increase won't come until the 2018 budget.

~Pledge drive needs to raise \$53,103 for this new budget.

We reached consensus on this and on the rest of the 2017 budget.

Fruit Sale Team: Karen R, Kathy K, Lori W and Nika K.

They would like a special town hall on Oct 2 to take requests for the money we raise. They are asking that we go back to our old model of establishing beneficiaries ahead of time rather than waiting until after we raise the money to get beneficiaries. We reached consensus.

Report by **Call Shepherd** Hilarie H.

~Need flower volunteer

~Talk of putting together a transportation call to help bring people here on Sunday eve if they need a ride. Also will also ask who needs rides. We decided to create a call for A ride shepherd/carpool coordinator . Hilarie will put an announcement in wavelinks this week.

~Talked about if home bound folks might want home visits from CICers and if we should have a call for that. Leeann talked about how much time could go into

pastoral visits and there aren't enough hours in the minister's job description.
~ also talked about a media possibility of making our celebrations available to home-bound. Hilarie will look into that.

~Discussed the need for sound enhancement so people can hear better. Hilarie will look into that and **someone** will check with TUCO about their system.

Nika reported as **YCPC**. Youth program is still small but mighty! Leaders are fantastic and the groups are very warm and cohesive. Still looking for a preschool leader and hoping to find someone that is a little bit connected to CIC or our families. Karen suggested we talk to Oly Bears at OHS for people who are training to work with childcare.

Betty reported on the **Social Justice** group: In the last year the Social Justice Committee has participated in the following issues. Besides the usual MLK Celebration, the Crop Walk and the Pride Festival, the group worked on Initiative 732, lunch for the Community Court young adults, the Canoe Journey and the Black Alliance of Thurston County. In addition, our own Cherie Davidson was honored for her years of service to the League of Women Voters.

Evaluation: Request that we set up tables for our Town Hall meetings in the future.

Submitted by Penny Purkerson, Town Hall Clerk