

Town Hall minutes April 30, 2017

Kathy Pruitt, Town Hall Facilitator, opened the meeting

In attendance: Hilarie H, Betty and Dick H, Jo and Thad C, Nika K, Jan R. Penny P and Corey P.

Minutes were read by Penny and accepted.

Penny reported that Celebration planning will take up the question from Hal at last town hall , about silent walking in the first 5 minutes of our celebrations.

Minister's Report by Corey (See attached)

Corey also reported on:

1. The UCC annual conference for the Pacific NW, which he attended yesterday! Tara Young-Brown also went for CIC. They went over the budget and approved it. Funds are down from last year but it is not too urgent. They talked about using the walls we have to offer sanctuary churches as a response to the federal government's position. Language about this was passed. TUCO may do this and we may have an opportunity to support that somehow.
2. UU and UCC have a program developed called OWLS (Our Whole Lives) on youth orientation to sexuality. A workshop/training will be happening that Mandy is interested in. One of our youth might be able to attend also.
3. Corey and Hilarie also reported on the Donation Card which has been created and looks great. Thanks to Vonda. Hilarie will find out if Leeann, as the person overseeing the monies that come in, will send the Thank yous to both the donors and the person that it is in honor of...

Jan R gave the Budget Report (See attached)

She also reported that \$6400 in surplus money from 2016, is unassigned. We also might want to talk about the money in CD's that have been sitting there for 20+ years.

Call Shepherd Report: Hilarie said all is well!

Nika reported on YCPC:

A few more kids are starting to be regular, averaging 8 to 10/Celebration, up from 6-ish.

Youth group is really tight and great since Mandy started leading.

Preschool is great w/Maizie

Trina has had new kids and seen some challenges with different energy levels.

Corey reported on Nika's exit from the YCPC job. Connections Committee and he first invited our own CIC people to consider the position. Karen Ray, as one of the people that have recently been working on curriculum ideas for our children, came forward with some interest, if we were to adjust the job description a little. We looked at changing the job from it's current state to working more on curriculum for the grade school aged students. Other changes include:

1. Only 3 celebrations would be required for attendance and volunteers would be recruited to stand in on the other Sundays. All volunteers and teachers would get a background check each year.
2. Interfaith curriculum resources would be made available to teachers.

We reworked the YCPC job description proposal from Connections Committee (CC) and approved it. (See attached) CC is recommending Karen Ray be approved for this position. Townhall unanimously agreed!

CC also recommended we approve a total of 40 more hours of paid time for the Karen as the new YCPC, to begin working this Spring and in the Fall on the curriculum aspect of the job. That would involve \$120 more for FICA and \$820 for the additional hourly pay. She will report her additional hours to Nika (as our HR staff) on the last Sunday of the month. We approved \$820 plus FICA from our 2016 surplus funds to cover the 40 hours.

Karen will start on May 1, 2017 at the same salary that the YCPC is currently paid. We agreed to pay Nika for up to 10 hours to work with Karen and help her transition in as the new YCPC.

Hilarie reported on a proposal for Fort Flagler charges:

Costs per night for adults are \$15 - \$20 (sliding fee scale depending on what adults are comfortable paying). Children are \$7.50 (three to eighteen years old). Children 0-2 are free. Individuals coming for the day will be \$5/day. If someone is on the registration list as of Monday, May 15th and does not attend the weekend, they will be charged for one night's stay. Anyone can ask the Ft. Flagler organizers about scholarships – people are encouraged to pay what they are comfortable paying. Money will be collected at the retreat no later than Sunday breakfast.

We okayed her new model and we'll reevaluate it after we see how it works.

What to do with other 2016 surplus monies will need to be considered at another meeting.

Next town hall will be June 4, 2017.