

Town Hall Minutes January 21, 2018

Kathy Pruitt opened the meeting as Town Hall Facilitator.

In attendance were Peg Henry, Betty and Dick Hauser, Carol and Jamie Rainwood, Hilarie Hauptman, Jo Curtz, Hal Spenser, Karen Ray, Nika Keller, Jan Rocks, and Penny Purkerson.

A. **Minutes** of the last meeting were read by Penny P and approved.

B. Corey's Interfaith minister's report: (His Notes)

One of the major shifts occurring in the Community right now is the transition from Karen Ray being the sole Community Needs Coordinator to a group of four persons (Peg Henry, Julie Waters, Sabra Hull, and Ted Ryle) that will be the Community Needs Coordination Team. This represents a large shift in technique and approach for a fundamental aspect of our community: the way in which we care and organize care for each other. Having met with this team last week for their inaugural meeting I am pleased with the level of self-awareness among them for being conduits of care rather than the providers themselves. This is a key distinction.

It was also a joy to hear about the success of the 2017 Fruit Sale from Kathy Kinard at last week's celebration. She explained the expanded imagination of the efforts made at the Community Kitchen to feed additional shelters and how Gene Maltzoff contributed in a unique way to increase our financial offerings to Interfaith Works and the shelters we support through the Fruit Sale. Though the sale seems to go through a yearly cycle of discernment, I am convinced it is a healthy nutrient in the self understanding of CIC as a community committed to justice.

Am looking forward to the coming weeks where CIC will welcome various local faith communities to come and share with us about how the work and operate in the constructs of their religions. We will welcome the Quakers on Feb. 4th (World Interfaith Harmony Week) and the Islamic Center of Olympia on Feb. 11th. This back-to-back sharing will hopefully be a time of learning and appreciation within our community.

C. We discussed whether to always **donate to the speakers** we have coming in the next 2 months, by passing the begging bowl. The money would go to the program or organization the speaker is working on or representing. We decided not to make a decision at this point except that we need to have clarification about where CIC donations go verses donations to the speakers, when we do pass the begging bowl for a speaker.

D. Leeann Tourtillott. was going to report about **Donated Funds** bequeathed to CIC but she was sick.

E. Hal presented his research about ideas for helping with **hearing problems** in the CIC celebrations. 2 systems were presented. We decided to research some more about a

system that puts a wireless microphone on the leader as well as 4 wired mics in the ceiling. Hard of hearing CICers would wear earpieces. It would be portable and could move with us if needed. Jamie and Carol volunteered to talk to people at the Quaker Friends Church and UCC and Unity Church, about how they like their systems. They will report back at the next town hall. Money for this could come from our CD's which are reserved for big items.

F. Jan presented the proposed budget for 2018, for consideration at Annual Meeting next week, Jan 28th. (See Attached).

1. We adjusted Corey's health and Dental insurance allotment to match the amount in UCC's material on ministerial insurance support.
2. We discussed whether to add to the staffing funds for a possible additional teacher for middle agers. We decided to find funds for that if and when we need another teacher.
3. Jan Vleck has \$79 in an old Youth group savings fund and we decided to give it to the current youth group, on top of the money we're giving them this budget.
4. Under Administration, we decided to add the category, Promotional Materials and put \$350.00 in it. It will be separate from the Duplication line item where these expenses have been in the past. We want to make new banners for when we march in Pride Parade and have a booth, from money in that new line item. We reduced Duplication from \$500 to \$400 for 2018.
5. Line item D, For the Sake of the Whole World, we increased UCC Outreach from \$1600.00 to \$1730.00. as per their request.
6. Proposed budget is ~\$54,480 estimated.
Pledges are \$51,222.
Unassigned from 2016 is \$3643.

We reached consensus on this proposal!

G. Betty spoke about the Olympia **Charter for Compassion** and we reached consensus to have CIC, endorse it!

H. **Hilarie reported as our Call Shepherd.** (Her notes):

Calls to be Filled

Fort Flagler Coordinator(s)

On the weekend of May 18-20, CIC will be having its fun filled and relaxing Spring CIC Retreat once again at the Ft. Flagler, on the northern Olympic Coast. We are looking for one or more individuals up for helping to coordinate this special gathering. We have written instructions and former coordinators can mentor if you are new to this position. We would like to fill this position in the next month.

Celebration Flower Volunteers

We can use one or two more persons interested in bringing occasional flower beauty to our candle lighting center table.

Townhall Regulars

Want to learn more about the inside workings of CIC, listen and have a chance to share your ideas we would appreciate having you as a Townhall Regular at our monthly meetings. Joyce McCullough and Peg Henry, along with Jamie and Carol Rainwood signed up to be Town hall Regulars, willing to attend meetings when available.

Recent Calls Filled

Community Needs Coordinators/Team

Peg Henry, Sabra Hull, Ted Ryle, Julie Waters - have stepped forward to be on a team to receive requests from CIC participants and shares information with our community and coordinate the volunteers. And thanks to Karen Ray for mentoring this team.

Children's Youth Room Sub

Peg Henry has stepped up to be a sub in the Children's/Youth rooms when needed.

I. Karen reported as YCPC. (Her notes)

The program is going well. The number of kids participating has decreased slightly in December and January. Some of this is because some kids had other obligations in December. The youth group met less frequently in December because of kids' obligations and vacations.

We have scaled back our lessons for the grade school program to make time for candlelighting to happen more regularly, and for kids to return to the social hall at the end of Celebration. The dynamics of the group can still be challenging at times, but we are working on that by having talks with parents and kids and having back-up plans for when our original plan isn't working.

In the preschool and grade school rooms the past two months, we've done lots of art projects related to solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Martin Luther King, Jr. day. We'll be exploring Islam in upcoming weeks, in preparation for a visit from Muslim community members in mid-February.

J. We discussed whether we wanted to change the **consensus process** we use as relates to nonmembers for Annual Meeting. We decided to keep the same open process we have used in the past with everyone able to participate. We will put this item on the agenda for next town hall.

K. Betty Hauser and Pat Starzyk have agreed to **do an Audit** of our books this year!

L. We had a short **evaluation** and adjourned at 8:40 pm :)

Submitted by Penny Purkerson, Town Hall Clerk