

Town Hall Minutes, May 6th, 2018

In attendance were Kathy Pruitt as Town Hall facilitator, Betty and Dick Hauser, Carol and Jamie Rainwood, Peg Henry, Jan Rocks, Corey Passons, Karen Ray, Hilarie Hauptman, Kathy Williams, Mary Coacher, Tara Young, Sabra Hull and Penny Purkerson.

Minutes were read by Penny and approved with the wording changed slightly on the audit report.

Corey gave his Minister's report (See below)

In recent weeks my work with the Concerned Clergy of Olympia has increased a bit as the group is working toward a goal of a summit on homelessness. This summit intends to be progressive in that we want to feature the voices of the homeless themselves in a format that is welcoming and supportive of them. The intention is that this summit will include stake-holders from the Olympia City Council, a wide range of clergy (from progressive to non-denominational conservative), as well as civic groups who are currently involved with this issue. Recent zoning proposals (Missing Middle) and housing proposals (Just Housing) are attempting to be in coordination with a homeless encampment ordinance. At the same time the city is welcoming a new homeless coordinator. It has been energizing to be a part of a clergy that has a focus and is working with the city and (potentially) more conservative faith communities around a shared ideal of justice for the vulnerable.

My ongoing Clinical Pastoral Education is going well and presenting me with opportunities for growth and development that are welcomed, even while stretching and challenging me. The work of CPE is highly interpersonal and yet also concerned with technical proficiencies of providing care in practical ways. This training is comprehensive and taking up time in schedule every week. Yet I am grateful that I can make the space necessary to take this training. It is most definitely impacting my sense of identity, confidence, and skill as a minister.

This is the time of year that would be great to start considering a theme for next year. I am going to host a meeting at the spring Flagler retreat for people to share and process ideas for themes in the coming year. Hoping this format can reach people in a relaxed and receptive place and build community through processing the theme for the upcoming year.

Jan Rocks Budget report: (See attached)

Connections Committee report:

Dick H has gone off the CC and Hugh O'Neill has taken his spot. Penny will go off the committee next September and we are looking for a new person to join Hugh and Lori Waterman who make up the rest of the committee.

YCPC report:

We discussed offering Trina some support for the remaining 3 or 4 sessions, if she wants it. Karen will follow up with her.

We discussed having a program on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's for a Middlers group next year. Tara and Eric are volunteering to cover those 2 classes.

UCC Conference report

Tara went as our delegate on April 27, 28 and 29th. She reported on great social activism and conflict resolution trainings in the conference and she had great conversations!

Corey reported on the Codicil template (an addendum that can be attached to a person's Last Will and Testament to make legacy offerings/donations to CIC). He worked with Bernice Funk who donated her time as a lawyer to put it together. A gift and card will go to her! We now have legal paperwork that allows CICers to do a legacy donation. It will go on the website and be downloadable!

We revisited the Consensus and membership issue. Carol, Jamie, Betty, Penny and Corey are interested in forming a small group to explore what membership in CIC means in relation to group consensus and whatever else comes up! The relationship between membership and commitment/involvement with the organization will be explored. Carol and Jamie will convene the group!

Guidebook revision report:

Corey has worked on updating our old book and it is ready for community review. He will send it out on the website and send an email with a link.

Corey is looking at offering an annual orientation for those interested in membership. We may need to revisit the Welcoming Committee's work and their orientation work with new people. The group above, (Carol, Jamie, Betty, Penny and Corey will look at all these issues too.

Sanctuary Support:

Betty read the final draft of the Greater South Sound Faith Network for

immigrate and Refugee Support. CIC has endorsed this and needs to now consider how we will support this movement financially and in action. The immediate concern is for enough people to step up to do one shift a month. 6 people from CIC have stepped up with interest so far. The Temple, (TBH) is the most likely place for sanctuary housing at this point. TUCO may be heading in that direction too but will need to find a way to add showering facilities.

Carol and Jamie reported on audio enhancement possibilities and they gave a positive report about the visit to the Friends Meeting to try out their system. We decided to approve up to 5K to purchase this to be ready by September of 2018.

Leeann Tourtillout has reserved the shelter at Burfoot Park for our last Sunday (June 17th), celebration at 4:30. This will be a potluck celebration. She is also getting the Summer calendar put together and organizing dinners for 8.

Meeting Adjourned!

Submitted by Penny Purkerson, Town Hall Clerk.