

Town Hall Minutes, Sept 16, 2018

In attendance were Kathy Pruitt as Town Hall facilitator, Jo and Thad Curtz, Jan Rocks, Patti Logan, Hal Spencer, Hilarie Hauptman, Karen Tvedt, Betty and Dick Hauser, Karen Ray, Corey Passons, Mary Coacher, Cathy Williams and Penny Purkerson.

Corey gave the Interfaith Ministers report: (See addendum 1**)

*Corey spoke about our Lease with TUCO. He is meeting with them this week. They will probably be asking us to increase our payment. We have put some extra money in the budget for next year and will return to this after his meeting.

*The Ministers of Presence and Community Needs team has been expanded from just Karen Lohmann, to include Terri Kelso and Jamie Rainwater.

*Betty proposed that in the future, we consider financially supporting Corey in the ministerial community outreach work he does, for which he is not paid at this time.

Budget:

Jan Rocks presented the current budget (2018) and proposed budget for 2019:

*Everything is on track for 2018.

*We added an additional person working with children for this Fall and in 2019. We will go over our budget for that this year.

*All staff that have been here one year are getting a 3% increase in this budget proposal. Increases come at the annual anniversary of hiring.

*We talked about where to start pay for new staff and we want to see if we still have the pay scale that was developed a couple of years ago.

*Karen Ray proposed reducing the YCPC Professional Expenses for 2019 to \$100. She said we could put money from the YCPC Children's program materials up to \$230. Karen will contact Mandy about any cost projections the Youth may have for next year and about using the \$79 that was raised by the youth group in the past and now held by in the benevolence fund. She will get back to us.

*We're looking at around \$3700 more than in 2018, potentially needed for the 2019 budget. These numbers will be refined in November and then we'll do our annual pledge drive for around \$59,500. We'll adjust around what pledges come in and finalize the budget at the annual meeting in January of 2019.

Call Shepherd report by Hilarie Hauptman:

People are going to be sent a link in wave links to review the accuracy of the call list and asked if anyone that has a new skill to offer the community, will let her know.

Karen Ray gave the Youth and Children's Program Coordinator report: We welcomed Sarah Kowalski as the new 4th through 7th grade teacher. Karen is hoping we will get a few more families to support the 4 teachers we are now hiring.

Social Justice Committee report by Betty:

*They are working on the Strengthening Sanctuary movement in Olympia. Money is being raised! Karen Twedt will do a write up for our Wave links newsletter.

*The committee asked about making a bulletin board to display current events on Sunday nights for each month. There could also be a sign up to receive emails about events. We approved the bulletin board and a sign up sheet for emails.

A Fort Flagler review was given by Hilarie H.

We don't know the financial numbers yet. Betty is willing to be the Spring Leader along with Ian Bishop unless someone else steps up.

Fruit Sale report by Hilarie H.

We have leadership to do it this Fall and agreed to go ahead with it! Kathy Kinard, John White, Karen Ray and possibly Alan Hardcastle, are willing to coordinate. Proposals will be taken on the October 14th at the next town hall.

Hal S reported on the Proposed audio system:

We'll have a team to install the system and we will need to pay the person from Music 6K for maybe 2 hours of help. We have 5K specified for this whole project. Corey is meeting with TUCO tomorrow to finalize the details about their use of our system and what language needs to be in our lease. The committee will work out the details of usage for ourselves and for TUCO's usage, when the system is set up.

Leeann sent in a report saying we have \$1,154 in the Legacy Giving account. \$200 is earmarked to the Community Kitchen. Leeann and Jo will converse about if any other earmarks have come in with that money.

Meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Penny P. Town Hall Clerk

****Minister's report Addendum 1:**

This late fall and summer have been a time of collaboration with a progressive clergy group here in Olympia called Concerned Clergy of Olympia. I have been involved with this organization in the leadership capacity at our rally at City Hall in spring of this year showing support for immigrant families, in organizing and facilitating the Interfaith Pride Service held at Temple Beth Hatfiloh, and in the planning of neighborhood conversations that broker dialogue between housed neighborhood residents, houseless persons, and select city officials. I look forward to continuing working with this group as it connects me with other clergy, faith communities, and city officials as we do the work of social justice common to all our traditions.

This fall I will be attending a two-day workshop on sexuality in the modern era. This retreat is for UCC clergy and is facilitated by the Nation Director of Our Whole Lives program. The retreat is at Pilgrim Firs. In addition, I will be doing a one-day retreat at the Priory in October, February, and April. These short stays at the Priory are quite restorative for me and have become periods of great focus and visioning

for the community.

I am excited to begin our year with a revised education structure, a major infrastructure investment with the audio assist equipment, and new people discerning the community. Also, I am amazed that we are beginning our third year together! Wow!