

Town Hall Minutes Nov. 4 2018

Leeann Tourtilot led the meeting in place of Kathy Pruitt who could not attend. Also in attendance were Corey Passons, Betty and Dick Hauser, Lori Waterman, Carol and Jamie Rainwood, Jo and Thad Curtz, Karen Ray, Jan Rocks and Penny Purkerson.

1. Minutes were read, amended (name spelling...) and accepted for both the Sept and Oct Town Hall meetings.

2. Corey gave the Ministers report. (See Addendum 1)

Summary:

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New Items discussed:

* Christmas Eve celebration will be at Olympia Family Theater this year for rent of \$100. The Coach House rent increased too much. Corey will be writing a play for that night!

* April of next year he is leading a tour in the Holy Lands from April 22 to May 4th. He will only miss one celebration on April 28th.

* Betty and Corey met with TUCO and discussed our rent amount. We initially proposed to increase our pay by \$100 more per month and they

have accepted.

* Betty mentioned that our new sound system will only be accessed by them and us. TUCO will get their own ear pieces and receivers.

* They also asked if we want an awning at our entrance. Leeann put that on our parking lot list for further discussion.

* Corey asked that we not pursue the discussion about trying to financially supporting the ministerial community outreach work he does, for which he is not paid at this time. He feels personally called to do that work and that he is fairly compensated for his work with CIC.

3. Jan R and Jo C gave the Budget reports.

* We are on track to spend what we budgeted for 2018 and probably won't have much carry over.

* 2019 budget work:

We will stay with the proposed budget until after the pledge drive.

* TUCO Celebration space rental has been increased to \$500/month.

4. Karen reported as YCPC. See addendum 2.

*We have wonderful leaders/teachers in all the children's programs!

*Volunteers are stepping up about twice/mo. in preschool program. Amy Alison Taylor has volunteered to do monthly!

*We want to ensure the downstairs door with the code machine is always locked. Corey is going to talk to TUCO about making sure it always shuts and latches when used.

5. Hilary Hauptman sent a Call Shepherd report read by Leeann:

*All is well in the CIC Calls department....Teasy Ryken (lead) and Jamie and Carol Rainwood (back ups) have stepped forward to be the leads and back-up for Assistive hearing devices.

* Thank you also to Annie Hankins and Reed who have agreed to fill a set up and take down position with Jamie and Carol as back ups.

* Leeann is taking on our next potluck for the Solstice.

* There are no other big unmet calls at this time.

6. Karen R reported on Fruit Sale.

* An upgraded online system has been set up by Karen and Thad. Should be better than last year in many ways. (THANK YOU!)

* We allotted \$2400 for the Community Kitchen but we will have \$1200 left in the fund from 2018. That leaves \$1200 to go somewhere else. We also have ~\$1200 from Gene Maltzef's donated salmon sale. (THANK YOU!)

*Proposals accepted:

1. Karen R. proposed we increase the \$300 Heifer International amount by \$200.
2. Karen Tvedt sent a request for \$1500 in funds for Interfaith Works to put at risk people fleeing domestic violence, into hotels as a safer alternative than the overflow shelter and to pay for transportation to get them to friends and family out of the area. We decided to fund this with the \$1200 from Gene's salmon sale so \$300 more is needed to meet the request from IW.
3. Leeann proposed we give \$300 to South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Project.

* If we meet our goals, we'll have \$400 left over, and we decided it would be divided it up between the 5 groups, (not including the Community Kitchen or Planned Parenthood). Those 5 are: Wild Grief, Empowerment 4 Girls, Heifer International, Salmon Enhancement and Interfaith Works.

* If we have less money than requested, we'll reduce all (except the Community Kitchen), by the percentage we are short.

7. Kathy Kinard is leaving her call as the lead person for the Salvation Army Community Kitchen. We considered if we will stay

with this commitment and who will replace Kathy K. If we have people that will lead, we felt we would continue with this community service. We need to encourage people to sign up to be part of the team that cooks and serves and this is already happening. Leeann will talk to Kathy Pruitt and Hilarie as Call Shepherd, and ask about the plan for moving forward to find new leadership and workers for this call. We discussed getting a team of folks to share the work Kathy Kinard has done as the leader, maybe dividing it into 3 month leadership commitments. Leeann will also ask about the other people Kathy K knows, who volunteer along with CIC when we cook and serve.

8. Lori Waterman reported on the CIC community evaluation that was done last June. In general it was very positive. Many of the suggestions/issues have already been dealt with this Fall. The evaluations have been shared with Karen R, Corey and Steering Circle. All evaluations will be stored in the CIC office and available to anyone. A summary will be posted in Wavelinks.

9. Betty spoke about the Salvation Army Shelter. They have asked Interfaith Works if churches will again provide 1 week a year of staffing for the overnight shelter. We had a number of questions so Betty agreed to get more details and then we'll need to ask Hilarie to open a call and see if anyone (or a group of people) in CIC will take on the leadership to make this happen.

10. Corey spoke about the Audio equipment. Thanks to those taking on the call to oversee the equipment on Sunday evenings. We discussed the fact that visiting or whispering to your neighbor is being picked up by the mics of those wearing the hearing devices. Jamie, Carol and Teasy will turn the system off and on as close to the beginning and end of each celebration as possible and all CICers will be advised about that issue.

11. Corey spoke to a new protocol around accepting or denying requests he gets to send out emails to our CIC list. A proposal has been

drafted by Steering Circle and it was accepted by Town Hall. Corey will add this language to the drive account.

12. Dates to save:

- * Townhall may meet December 2nd if needed.
- * 2019 budget finalization will be Jan 13, 2019
- * Annual Meeting will be Jan 27, 2019

Meeting was adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Penny Purkerson, Townhall clerk.

Addendum 1

Interfaith Minister Report -11.4.18 This fall I will be attending a two day UCC workshop about sexuality in the church. Though CIC refers to itself as a spiritual community, we deal with the same need for awareness of how we regard appropriate behavior, and respectful behavior. I am excited to enter into this dialogue and see if there are aspects of the training that influence me to consider ways that we could increase our sense of safety and welcome for all person who attend and contribute to CIC.

In addition, this coming December I am wanting to host a community meeting about the work of interfaith and the inevitable tension we have and will enter with regards to appropriation. This topic is both sensitive and subjective, yet I believe that reflection is an ongoing component of the spiritual life for individuals as well as communities. What might we learn about the gifts and the challenges of our interfaith work by having a forum specific to this inquiry?

My work in the community is ongoing with participation in the Concerned Clergy of Olympia. Currently we are focused on the issue of homelessness in Olympia and looking to broker a conversation between downtown business/building owners,

neighbors, and houseless residents. Currently this meeting is proposed for mid-November with final details being set this week.

Finally, it has been a joy to meet new people who are attending and discerning CIC as a community. Many of these persons have come to CIC through the invitation of other members and some of these persons have children. It has been rewarding to see the work we did last year to bolster and develop our youth and children's programs such that we can present these offerings to

Addendum 2

YCPC Town Hall Report 11/4/18

The Youth and Children's programs are going well. All the teachers are fabulous! Mandy and the youth are pretty independent and I sometimes don't know their schedule but they keep in touch with each other. The middlers group still contains a large spread of ages and interests but we are doing our best to offer activities that meet everyone's needs.

To my surprise, we are getting volunteers in the preschool room about twice a month, which was our goal. Amy Alison Taylor recently said that she is taking on monthly participation in the children's programming as a call! So far, she has volunteered in the preschool classroom once, but since she has a background in writing a directing plays for children, I'd like to see if she can help write/direct a Christmas pageant program.

We had a homeless person enter the building tonight during Celebration by coming in through the double doors which had apparently been left ajar. Paul noticed him and found him in the upstairs kitchen rummaging around. He had not been noticed by Echo and the kids, who were upstairs alone. This is a good

reminder that we need to check those doors to be sure they are fully closed. It wouldn't hurt to do a quick scan of the building when we enter on Sunday nights either. (The ensuing conversation included discussion of whether homeless people should be considered a threat, and Corey stating he'll ask TUCO to fix the doors so they close more reliably.)