

## **Town Hall Feb 23, 2020**

### **Welcome And Agenda**

Kathy Pruitt opened the meeting with Pat Starzck, Jo Curtz, Karen Ray, Hilarie Hauptmann, Jan Rocks, Jamie Rainwood, Corey Passons, Lori Waterman, Karen Tvedt, Dick and Betty Hauser in attendance.

**Minutes** from the last town hall were read and approved by Penny.

### **Interfaith Ministers Report:** by Corey

1. Thinking about subgroups in CIC.
  - a. New people: How to be intentional in helping them engaged outside of the Sunday evening circle. Maybe a host who takes that on? Proposals coming.
  - b. CIC Youth: He'll do a gathering of some of those, up to age 21ish, to brainstorm how to meet their spiritual needs.
2. He's working with Interfaith Works on fundraising for 2828 Martin Way housing project.
3. Also volunteers with New Hope Community, 11 people from under 4th ave bridge. Located at First Christian Church. He's working on possible tiny house building for them. Funds will be solicited. We can help now as volunteer hosts!

### **Call Shepherd** report by Hilarie:

**ACTION:** Greeting Cards will be kept in the cabinet so anyone can grab one and get folks signing for anyone or a pet, as needs arise.

### **YCPC** report by Karen R, (See addendum 2)

Kids program ran smoothly while she was gone. The grade school class is enjoying the participatory story approach in the new curriculum and we've had a few new middlers lately.

**Social Justice Committee** report by Betty

- a. Great Eye to Eye fundraising dinner! IW raised \$90K much of which goes to the Shelter at 1st Christian Church.
- b. This committee is planning a spring celebration for CIC.
- c. Shoppers for Sanctuary are set up and ready to go. CIC will be doing the shopping in March.

**ACTION:** Town hall authorized the funds in the benevolence fund that are ready to use.

**Skills Exchange** report:

Corey reported on how to get involved. It is going well and will keep growing.

**ACTION:** More info coming.

**Ordination Endorsement:** report update by Corey

Tara Young-Brown is a Member in Discernment w/UCC. She needs an official letter to the UCC Committee on Ministry from CIC, saying we are receiving her and supporting this. Corey proposed and it was accepted, that as her home church, we approve her status as a Member in Discernment.

**ACTION:** Corey will draft the letter to UCC and bring it to a celebration to pass around.

**CIC sale in 2019** Lori W Reported:

1. \$2000 came from Salmon and \$700 for coffee and chocolate. Salmon sale with Gene went really smoothly and required low effort. We paid \$6.00/pound for the first 100 lbs and \$8.70/pound over that. She recommends we pay the \$8.70 or more/pound, next year and sell more. The Choco and coffee sale was time consuming and not very profitable.

**Brainstorming:**

~Corey suggested we might raise money in a way that raises our sense of community between CICers.

~We could try ideas from the IW, Eye to Eye fundraising dinner success last month, in CIC.

~Other ideas were a Silent Auction, potlucks with donations etc.  
~Could put money needs for Community Kitchen and outside support, into the budget and work to raise it in our budget process.  
~Will we look at drawing from ourselves and/or the outside community?  
~Benevolence fund has 6K sitting unused. We could consider using it. There is enough to last 2 years.  
~Generosity should be at the heart of what we do.  
**ACTION:** We will reach out to the community and see if we have a group excited about this. Corey and Kathy P will work on that invitation. We will come back to this in the Spring and consider the next steps. Corey will speak to Gene to get his take on letting us share the work he does with the salmon.

### **Celebration Time Change ?**

Corey spoke to changing our start time to 4:30pm for Sunday Celebrations. He wants to continue getting feedback about this at Celebrations and talking about it over time.

**ACTION:** We will do charts with places for sticky notes for opinions and set up a talk time after services.

### **2019 audit**

Done by Betty and Pat S!

**ACTION:** Betty will make copies and have a report at next TH.

### **2021 Spring Retreat**

Penny reported on changing our Spring retreat to Millersylvania's Environmental Learning Center, 9 miles away.

- ~Easier for more folks than Flagler.
- ~Less environmental impact from car travel
- ~Nice cabins for up to 150 people so families could have a cabin alone.
- ~Half of the cabins have toilets, others use nice central Restrooms.
- ~Great Kitchen and Lodge facility
- ~Camping, RV's (with hookups) and Van sleeping allowed
- ~Service dogs only...
- ~ Great Amphitheater/Fire pit

~boats available

~Cost is comparable if we get 55 participants (\$1,020 per night.)

**ACTION: We will revisit this next month and make a decision.**

### **Donation cards**

A new language proposal was discussed.

- a. We will designate funds exclusively for CIC current expenses, community kitchen, or CIC community projects.
- b. The steering Circle may approve up to \$100 towards a CIC project. After \$100, the town hall will be required to give approval.
- c. The donated money we have now will be used for grocery shopping for Sanctuary in March, if needed.

**ACTION:** Corey will do the rewrite on the cards and check one more time with TH.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Penny P, Town Hall Clerk

### Addendum 1

Interfaith Minister's Report for Townhall -2.23.20:

Have been reflecting on ways that CIC can become a "home" for new and newer visitors to CIC. One of the ways that people come to understand a sense of belonging is through engagement. Perhaps there could be people who act as a welcoming "friend" to a new person to share with them some of the many groups and ways of engaging CIC. Other ideas along these lines?

Furthermore, I want to start thinking of the youth program in CIC in a creative capacity. In the coming months I am going to invite and host an interactive gathering of people who would currently be youth age and those who might be around town but are graduated out of the youth program recently. This meeting would be kind of a looking back and looking forward, day dreaming, and exploring what is important and needed in the lives of youth right now. More on this next month!

Have continued to serve on the 2828 Martin Way capital campaign board. This board is just now beginning to engage in earnest outreach to various constituent bases with our financial goals. I am going to be working with IW in outreach to various faith communities through a series of initial smaller gatherings in early to mid March.

My work with the New Hope Community is ongoing. This community is settling in at First Christian as they adapt. There is a permit process in place to allow for tiny homes to be constructed in the parking lot and the hope is that this permit might be issued by late March. At that time there will be opportunity for other faith communities to begin more collaborative efforts. Before then, there is opportunity for people to volunteer to sit at the host desk and contribute by being a presence there.

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Addendum 2:

YCPC Town Hall Report

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The program apparently ran very smoothly without me for four Sundays in a row, thanks to our very capable staff and help from the community.

The numbers in each classroom are remaining fairly steady. The grade school class seems to really be enjoying the participatory story approach inherent in much of the new curriculum we're using this year. Middle schoolers report that they sometimes get bored and off-topic, but then seem very engaged, according to Sarah. We've had a few new middlers lately, Terri Kelso's nephew, and a friend of Isaiah's. I'm hoping they'll continue coming.