

CIC Town Hall May 31, 2020

- **Welcome and Agenda:** Kathy Pruitt called the virtual meeting together, welcoming people as they joined. She indicated that CIC won't meet as Town Hall again until September, although the Steering Committee will meet over the summer. She also noted that Sarah Huntington will be welcomed as the new Town Hall facilitator at the end of this meeting.
- **Overview of April 26th Meeting Minutes:** Karen Tvedt provided an overview of the minutes from April 26th, highlighting particularly any action items. Jamie Rainwood noted that Alan Hardcastle and Gene Maltzeff covered Community Kitchen for CIC from January through March this year.
- **Interfaith Minister's Report:** Corey Passons reported that the Community Needs Team and associated volunteers continue to reach out to members who wish ongoing contact.
- Corey talked with Tammy Stampfli to find out what United Churches is doing now that we have moved into Phase 2 in Thurston County. United Churches has a task force starting on Monday and Tammy will keep Corey posted. There are many considerations including the need to monitor people entering spaces as well OSHA guidelines around protection of employees. Corey will continue to process the issues with members of Concerned Clergy of Olympia.
- We still have our fall Ft. Flagler reservation although Corey anticipates that State Parks will cancel. We have been unable to make reservations at Ft. Flagler or Millersylvania Park for May 2021, but Corey checks the websites every few days. As we continue to move forward, we need to think about accessibility (at 50% capacity, do we turn the 51st person away?) and the reality that some people won't be comfortable in groups until vaccines and contact tracing are available.
- **Budget:** Jan Rocks says our budget seems to be fine for the time-being; we have \$2,000 more than we estimated. Jan noted that this fall is a big unknown and that we will need to discuss things like rent, rentals at parks, etc. Jan indicated that she would like to mentor someone to take over her role. Jo proposed that we go ahead and disburse the funds in our "For the Sake of the Whole World" account because organizations would benefit from getting these funds early.

Action/Decisions: 1) Look more closely at our budget and finances this fall; 2) find someone Jan can mentor to take over her role; and 3) Jan and Jo will check to see if cash flow allows us to move forward early with the commitments in our "For the Sake of the Whole World" account.

- **Call Shepherd Report:** Hilarie Hauptman reported on the “duos” who have agreed to provide leadership in providing meals at Community Kitchen one Saturday evening a month: Constance Frey Lavalee and Sarah Huntington are covering April, May and July; Corey and Bethanie Sand will do June, August and September. If circumstances allow, Jamie and Carol will do October through December. Alan Hardcastle and Gene Maltzeff are willing to join again to cover January through March next year.

Gene and Ryan Stephens (and Leeann if available) are willing to coordinate a fall Fort Flagler retreat (plan to do online registrations via Wavelinks with Scott and Ian Bishop’s help).

Action/Decisions: 1) In early July, we will decide whether to proceed with Ft. Flagler this fall. This will allow for initial planning in July and advertising by the beginning of August. 2) Hilarie is interviewing people for Call Shepherd. 3) Nika has agreed to take over Jo Curtz’s job as Treasurer.

- **Children’s Program:** Karen Ray reported that the middlers are having a wonderful time; they might be willing to lead a celebration this summer. Karen has reached out to parents who seem super busy and hard to reach. Teachers are sending mail to all the CIC children and Karen is exploring ways to stay in touch over the summer. Karen feels the need to explore issues with the Steering Committee including staff expectations given that they are not being paid for the summer. Appreciation was expressed to Karen for her dedication and hours devoted to the CIC Children’s Program.

Action/Decisions: 1) Corey and Karen will have a follow-up conversation; 2) Karen will meet with the Steering Committee in August (or sooner if needed).

- **Social Justice Committee (SJC)-**For the SJC, Karen proposed that CIC provide lunches monthly for one of the two Interfaith Works shelters serving our most vulnerable homeless neighbors. Provided by (and supporting) a local restaurant, this will cost about \$300 a month. Rather than tapping CIC funds for this purpose, the SJC suggests that CIC members and friends make monthly contributions toward this effort, e.g., if 10 households committed \$30 monthly each, we will achieve the \$300 we need. Questions from the group included: does this help address underlying issues that result in homelessness? Would we be committing for a certain time-period?

Action/Decisions: 1) Town Hall endorsed the proposal to provide monthly lunches for one of the Interfaith Works’ shelters for six months. 2) Through the Wavelinks, Karen will ask for financial commitments. 3) The SJC will coordinate with a restaurant to provide the lunches and dissemination information about how contributions can be made.

- **Community Kitchen Update:** Sarah Huntington reported that she and Constance Frey Lavalee felt better about safety this past month at the Community Kitchen. They started preparation earlier and there were fewer people around. Sarah brought masks but it was

difficult getting staff to consistently wear them. In a switch of months, Sarah and Constance will cover July and Corey and Bethanie Sand will coordinate June, August and September. Kathy noted that we have enough money to purchase food for the Community Kitchen through the end of the year.

Action/Decisions: 1) Sarah and Constance will talk with Corey and Bethanie about next steps in terms of safety; 2) Sarah will initiate a discussion among leads at Carol Rainwood's suggestion.

- **Summer Survey and Staffing:** Sarah Huntington (representing the Steering Circle) led this discussion. There were 63 responses to the survey (we can only see the first 40 because that is the limit for free Survey Monkey accounts; a paid account is \$25 monthly). By way of summary, a majority would like us to do summer celebrations. Nearly all respondents said that would like to see an extension of Corey's involvement into the summer and for him to be compensated for his time. Spiritual practice, central theme exploration and candle lighting were given priority. Seventy percent of respondents said they would be willing to help lead celebrations. Thad volunteered to serve as back-up master of ceremonies to Corey.

Action/Decisions: 1) regular celebrations will continue through Father's Day on June 21st with reunion Sunday being September 13th; 2) we will do celebrations this summer; 3) Corey's involvement will be supported financially through funds available in the operating budget (he estimates a cost of \$800-\$1,200); Thad will be available as back-up; 4) we will take a break of at least two weeks at the end of the summer.

- **Transition Bracelets:** Leeann Tourtillott has purchased 200 bracelets of the type that are normally distributed on transition Sunday; she has envelopes so that they can be mailed to those wanting to get a bracelet.

Action/Decisions: 1) with gratitude to Leeann for purchasing the bracelets, Corey offered money from the Pastor's Fund for postage; 2) the bracelets will go with a note from CIC.

- **Summer Informal Gathering Ideas:** After discussion about alternatives including the possibility of creating a subcommittee, we agreed that an article will be published in Wavelinks that recognizes the suggestions from the survey (in broad categories); notes safety guidelines; provides examples of what's already been offered (Leeann, dinners for four or five; Kathy, monthly walks); and invites volunteers to take the lead in promoting activities. Question was raised about whether we will continue to do the Wavelinks this summer.

Action/Decisions: 1) Kathy Pruitt will write a Wavelinks article asking for volunteers to propose and take the lead on a summer activity. 2) Corey will follow-up with Scott Bishop about doing the Wavelinks this summer.

- **Corey vacation dates and planned coverage:** August 19-September 2nd
- **Welcoming of Sarah as Our Next Townhall Facilitator!** Kathy Pruitt recognized Sarah Huntington as our new Town Hall Facilitator and spoke highly of Sarah's skills and willingness to step up to leadership over the past weeks. Participants welcomed Sarah and spoke about we will miss Kathy and her generosity and patience in leading the Steering Committee and Town Hall.
- **Next Town Hall: Fall, 2020**

Meeting adjourned!

Parking lot for the fall: Funding for Community Kitchen; Audit results and suggestions; Pledge drive.