

## CIC Town Hall October 25, 2020

- **Welcome and Agenda:** Sarah Huntington called the virtual meeting to order. Sarah posted the agenda in the Zoom chat box.
- **Overview of the September 20th Meeting Minutes:** Karen Tvedt provided an overview of the September minutes:
  - *Interfaith Minister's Report:* Corey Passons noted that Nika Keller is taking over as treasurer. Corey feels he is developing some balance in his dual responsibilities with CIC and Interfaith Works.
  - *Budget-*Jan Rocks reported that our budget looks great. She will put Pledge Drive articles in Wavelinks and there will be a virtual Pledge Drive Potluck on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - *Call Shepherd-*Carol Rainwood is taking on this role.
  - *Children's Program-*Karen Ray shared about her outreach to families and options being discussed.
  - *Community Kitchen-*Sarah and Constance Frey Lavallee are exploring expanding the number of meals CIC cooks; Carol is looking for more volunteers.
  - *Community Needs-*committee is planning another round of calls this fall.
  - *Connections Committee-*reported on the survey of CIC members done last spring.
  - *Social Justice Committee-*CIC is providing a monthly meal at the Martin Way shelter.
- **Interfaith Minister's Report:** Corey started by talking about gratitude and adaptation. Like with other faith communities, the past months have been ones of adaptation for our community. Corey expects we will be meeting on Zoom through the CIC year. Corey meets with his ordination committee on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Budget:** Jan Rocks reported that we now have 55% of our pledges. She will wait until after the election to send emails about pledges (2020 and 2021). Regarding our 2020 budget, we have 30% of money remaining with 18% of the year left.

*Actions/Decisions:* Jan will send emails about pledge amounts remaining and the need for 2021 pledges after early November. Jacob Skeers will begin mentoring for the role of Pledge Shepherd after the first of the year.

- **Benevolence Fund:** CIC spends about \$2,600 a year on groceries for the Community Kitchen. After lively discussion, we agreed to accept Gene Maltzeff's very generous offer to donate fish as a CIC fundraiser to support the Benevolence Fund.

*Actions/Decisions:* We accept Gene's offer to donate up to 200 pounds of fish. We will reimburse Gene \$6.00 a pound for the first 100 pounds (and sell it for \$16.00 a pound). For the second 100 pounds, we will reimburse Gene his cost of \$8.69 a pound. Penny Purkerson will help manage collection of funds (with Lori Waterman?). Betty and others will work with Gene on distribution of the fish. If additional funds are needed, the Steering Circle will discuss other options including the possibility of asking for donations.

- **Call Shepherd Report:** Carol discussed a new call that has been created, Community Kitchen Substitute. Volunteers will be trained and available to substitute as the need arises. Bethany Sand has agreed to train new volunteers.

*Actions/Decisions:* New call will be publicized in Wavelinks.

- **Children's Program:** Karen Ray reported that she was able to survey most CIC families. While needs vary, maintaining connection is important to families. Karen will deliver curriculum and activities to families every other week; she will send weekly emails to update families; and we will do one celebration a month where we have more focus on children, e.g., a Christmas pageant in December. Karen reached out to the UU's and while they have a much bigger children's program, they are not meeting in person and see small attendance in their programs. Penny noted that she loved getting the packet of activities for her granddaughters.

*Action/Decisions:* Karen will continue reaching out to families with curriculum and activities (bi-weekly), weekly emails, and special monthly celebration opportunities.

- **Community Kitchen Update:** Sarah indicated that CIC has a great crew; having a few trained substitutes will be helpful. They were able to provide additional meals during CIC's last shift, but this depended on using food that was available at the kitchen-this may not be sustainable.
- **Community Needs:** Corey reported that the committee is staying sensitive to needs within the CIC community. Julie Waters has joined the group.
- **Connections Committee:** Sarah reminded us that survey respondents expressed appreciation for Corey's leadership and the CIC celebrations. Suggestions for consideration include the desire for more voices and interaction at celebrations. Hugh and Megan are talking with someone who is interested in joining the Connections Committee.
- **Social Justice Committee (SJC):** Karen reported that the group is exploring doing a January MLK celebration on the topic of "transformation to a non-racist society." Efforts are needed to encourage local governments to adopt the Climate Mitigation Plan.
- **Pending Issues:** Sarah noted several pending issues including bylaws review, review (and action) on the 2019 CIC audit, and discussion about expanding CIC's Open and Affirming statement.
- **Upcoming Town Halls:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and January 10<sup>th</sup>. Annual meeting will be January 31, 2021.

**Meeting adjourned!**