

CIC Townhall Minutes
Sunday, April 11, at 6:45 pm

- **Welcome and Agenda:** Sarah Huntington opened the meeting with a moment silence; she then reviewed the meeting agenda.
- **Attendance:** Sarah Huntington, Corey Passons, Alan/Karen Ray, Sophia Rychener, Dick/Betty Hauser, Leeann Tourtillot, Kathy Pruitt, Jan Rocks, Penny Purkerson, Nika Keller, Jamie Rainwood, Karen Tvedt.
- **Review of Minutes from March Steering Circle Meeting:** Karen Tvedt did a quick review of last Townhall meeting.
 - Corey talked about the possibility of outdoor gatherings for the June Solstice Celebration and Labor Day retreat; he is hoping for an in-person, outdoor ordination in late August. Progress was being made on a CIC racial justice statement.
 - Our finances were in good shape: 84% of our funds available and 83% of the year left.
 - The call shepherd (Carol Rainwood) reported that she and Leeann are starting on the photo project; Kathleen Peppard has joined the Community Care Committee.
 - Miriam Sterlin is reaching out to families with Play Packs of materials; the middler group is going strong and Miriam will recruit new teachers this summer.
 - Betty Hauser, Social Justice Committee, reported on upcoming events including an effort to bring an environmental reporter to the Olympian and the Virtual Hunger Walk.
 - Sarah and Karen T are reviewing the CIC bylaws and articles of incorporation.
 - Corey is reaching out to colleagues for information about audit processes.
- **Corey's Update:** Corey expressed gratitude that we are beginning to emerge from the pandemic. He thanked the community for support through his discernment around ordination and the steps toward approval.
 - Racial Justice Initiative-a draft statement has been developed and was provided to CIC in an email on Friday announcing tonight's celebration and townhall meeting. On April 18th Corey and the group of people who developed the draft will lead a celebration (more on this later in the agenda).
 - Corey intends to initiate work with a group to explore our "open and affirming statement" to ensure that it reflects the widening differences it needs to address.
- **Finance report:** Jan Rocks reported that our income so far is \$19,450 and our expenses \$13,428. With 72% of the year remaining, 77% of our budget remains. Jan explored direct deposit options with Twin Star Credit Union and will draft directions for people wanting to pay their pledges through direct deposit. Jan will mentor Jacob Skeers through the next pledge cycle so that he can take over next February.
- **Call Shepherd report:** Carol reported:
 - She asked Ryan and Gene about perhaps leading the Fort Flagler Retreat this Fall, and Ryan has declined due to his busy schedule. In retrospect, Carol thinks it may be premature to solicit leaders, since Fall Flagler is pretty unlikely. (A ranger at Fort Flagler

apparently told Hilarie Hauptman that the ELC at Flagler won't likely be open until perhaps October.)

- Shelly Bentley talked with Corey and they decided her farm would not work as the Solstice Potluck venue due to the current size of CIC and Covid uncertainties. Shelly says it might work for smaller gatherings in the future.
- Social Media Presence: Carol will be looking for someone within CIC who has the interest and skills to expand CIC's social media presence. Sophia Rychener indicated interest the possibility of working on the CIC Facebook page. Carol will follow-up with her.
- Website Photo Update: Leeann and Carol have met to start planning how to update the CIC photos for the website.
- Community Support Team: Carol is working with Karen Ray and others to articulate the role of the Community Support Team.
- Leeann T volunteered to contact places about availability for the June Solstice gathering as well as a Labor Day event. She will research options and get in touch with Corey about what she learns.
- **Children's Program**: Miriam is delivering play packs to five families with preschool and elementary age children (nine children). Middlers are going strong with Sarah K; middlers will be encouraged to "bring a buddy." Sarah H initiated Easter egg dyeing at her house in three shifts. Miriam is getting some responses to setting-up pen pals between children and older CIC members. On the horizon is the need to recruit and hire teachers for the fall.
- **Social Justice Committee**: Betty Hauser reported that the Thurston League of Women Voters will be doing a forum on working with local governments on April 28th; registration is available through the League's website. On April 22nd, Interfaith Works and Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) will sponsor an earth day event from 7-8:00 pm. More information is available at: [The Earth Is Holy - Interfaith Works \(interfaith-works.org\)](http://interfaith-works.org)
- **Community Support Team**: no updates to report.
- **Connections**: the team is looking ahead to doing the annual CIC evaluation.
- **Review of By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation**-Sarah: Bylaws are considered internal documents and do not have to be registered with the Secretary of State (SOS). CIC's Articles of Incorporation need some updates which can be done online with the SOS for a fee of \$30.
- **Audit**: It makes sense to have Betty and Pat Starcyk do the audit as in the past. Corey has materials from other organizations which he sent to Steering Committee members for longer-term discussion about what we want to achieve with our audits.
- **Proposed Land acknowledgment for CIC Website**: Corey suggests that we adopt a basic statement similar to the one on the TCAT website; it includes a basic statement with a link to tribal websites. There was some discussion about specific language. Corey will send it out for further input.
- **Racial Justice Initiative Draft Statement/Process**: As noted earlier, on April 18th, there will be a CIC Celebration that focuses on the statement and what it looks like as a community to embrace such a statement. Corey said that he doesn't have a preconceived notion about how the process will play out, but sees the statement as expressing ongoing intentions as a community. Several people spoke positively about the draft. There were a

few comments about how some of the words used in the statement, e.g., structural racism and white privilege, have evolving meanings and implications. How these words were chosen and their meanings will be part of our ongoing process.

- **Corey's Ordination!** Corey's ordination will be Sunday, 8/22/2021, 4 pm at the Priest Point Park-Rose Garden (the space is reserved from 3-9:00 pm). He imagines food, dances, a short service (45 minutes) with 100-120 people. Corey will coordinate the service and is working with the conference on details. The Steering Circle suggested that small CIC committees could help with planning (music, food, parking, chairs etc.). Corey will continue to share plans with the CIC community through Wavelinks and celebrations.
- **Summer Gatherings:** Steering Circle has been talking about informal summer gatherings such as dinners for eight, hikes etc. and will be encouraging people to volunteer to organize such events.

Parking Lot: Benevolence Fund plans

Upcoming Meetings

May: Steering Circle 5/5 4 pm; Townhall 5/9/2021, 6:45 pm

June: Steering Circle 6/2, 4 pm; Town Hall 6/6/2021, 6:45 pm

July-August: Steering Circle, TBD; Townhall in August, TBD