

CIC Townhall Minutes
Sunday, May 9, at 6:45 pm

- **Welcome and Agenda:** Sarah Huntington opened the meeting with a moment of deep breathing; she then reviewed the meeting agenda.
- **Attendance:** Sarah Huntington, Corey Passons, Julie Baker, Betty/Dick Hauser, Jamie/Carol Rainwood, Jan Rocks, Pat Starcyk, Karen Tvedt.
- **Review of Minutes from April Townhall:** Karen Tvedt did a quick review of the minutes from last Townhall:
 - Corey noted that there will be an April 18th Celebration focusing on CIC's Racial Justice Initiative. He is also initiating work on our "open and affirming statement."
 - Our finances are in good shape: 77% of our funds available with 72% of the year remaining.
 - The call shepherd (Carol Rainwood) reported that someone is needed to work on CIC's social media presence. Sophia Rychener indicated interest. Carol and Leeann are working on the photo project; Karen Ray and others intend to articulate the role of the Community Care Committee. Leeann volunteered to contact sites about availability for upcoming gatherings.
 - Children's Program: hiring teachers for the fall is on the near horizon.
 - Betty Hauser, Social Justice Committee, reported on upcoming events.
 - Sarah reported that Articles of Incorporation can be updated online with the Secretary of State for a fee of \$30.
 - Pat Starcyk and Betty Hauser were authorized to proceed with CIC's audit.
 - Corey's ordination will be Sunday, August 22nd, 4 pm at Priest Point Park; volunteers will help with planning.
 - Summer: informal gatherings will be encouraged.
- **Corey's Update:**
 - Corey noted that we are entering into a careful time of regathering. He met with the Concerned Clergy group last Thursday. Some faith communities are beginning to do services with social distancing; most are thinking in terms of hybrid services by fall. While it will depend on how things go with the pandemic, we are hoping for outdoor Solstice and Labor Day events and other small gatherings this summer.
 - Corey met with a CIC group on May 7th to discuss CIC's "open and affirming" statement. Our current statement needs to be edited to fully reflect who we are. The group spent time sharing their stories and will pursue a process that includes reviewing alternative statements and drafting something for CIC consideration later this year. Watch Wavelinks for updates.
 - Options are being explored for moving the CIC office from the Hauser's home.
- **Finance report:** Jan Rocks reported income of \$22,384 and our expenses of \$17,526. With 66% of the year remaining, 69% of our budget remains.
- **Call Shepherd report:** Carol reported:
 - Sophia Rychener has volunteered to take on the call of updating the CIC Facebook page.

- Leeann and Carol are gathering photos to be used in updating CIC's social media presence. They have created a google account and are inviting CIC members to contribute photos.
- Community Support Team: Karen Ray has provided information about the Community Needs coordinator role; the committee will work on replacing Vonda Witley on the committee.
- Three social events are upcoming this summer: 1) the Solstice Celebration (picnic) on June 20th at Burford Park. Leeann is willing to coordinate; 2) Corey's ordination on August 22, 2021, 4:00 pm at Priest Point Park-volunteers will be needed to help with logistics; and 3) a Labor Day Retreat on September 6th at Millersylvania Park (Leeann is also willing to coordinate this event but volunteers will be needed to organize activities.)
- **Children's Program:** Middlers continue to work with Sarah K through mid-June. The hiring process is in full swing this month. Miriam Sterlin is going through files from Karen Ray and the plan is to initially publicize the positions within the extended CIC community. The Connections Committee intends to involve parents in the interviews with candidates.
- **Social Justice Committee:** Betty Hauser noted that the committee met yesterday. Among issues discussed were: CIC walk acknowledging the virtual Hunger Walk; TCAT has bumper stickers to increase awareness about the growing number of electric vehicles; the Thurston League of Women Voters did a forum on working with local government that is being run on Thurston Community Media (information about this and other upcoming League activities is posted at www.lvwthurston.org); Brian Hovis continues to work toward bringing an environmental reporter to The Olympian.
- **Community Support Team:** meeting next week.
- **Connections Committee:** beginning to work on the annual CIC evaluation.
- **Audit:** Betty and Pat Starcyk are nearly finished with the audit and expect to have a report for the June Townhall.
- **Land acknowledgment for CIC Website:** After extensive discussion about the appropriateness of the term "mutually abide," attendees reached consensus about posting the statement on our website with recognition of authorship and endorsement (developed by *Learning Right Relations* and endorsed by the Squaxin Tribal Council) as well as the fact that CIC meets in Thurston County.
- **Racial Justice Initiative Draft Statement/Process:** Corey shared that after a period of review by the CIC community which included the April 18th Celebration, a small edit has been to the statement in response to a comment from the community. The period of formal review has now ended, and Corey will begin working with the statement over the next few celebrations. It will be brought to the June Townhall for approval.
- **Regathering:** Regathering, including the possibility of hybrid celebrations, is an ongoing discussion that will continue during the June 2nd Steering Circle meeting and Townhall on June 6th. As we deal with unknowns around planning for the fall, we may need meetings in July and August.
- **Plans for In-Person Outdoor Gatherings:** Planning is ongoing for the following events; contact Carol to volunteer; watch Wavelinks for updates.

- Summer Solstice Picnic, June 20th at Burfoot Park
- Corey's Ordination, August 22nd at Priest Point Park
- Fall Retreat, September 6th at Millersylvania Park

Parking Lot: Benevolence Fund plans; Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

Upcoming Meetings

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

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