

CIC Townhall
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:45 pm
Zoom Meeting

Welcome and Agenda Review: Sarah Huntington opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Attendance: Corey Passons, Betty & Dick Hauser, Sarah Huntington, Kathy Pruitt, Penny Purkerson, Karen Ray, Jan Rocks, Jacob Skeers, Karen Tvedt and Leeann Tourtillott.

Review of the November Meeting Notes: Karen Tvedt reviewed the November Townhall notes. In addition, she indicated that the Steering Circle discussed ways to streamline Townhall processes. We will experiment with options including asking presenters to submit their reports in advance (thanks Corey and Carol!); doing a short Townhall summary in Wavelinks along with the next Townhall meeting date; providing brief budget reports once the budget is approved at annual meeting; and as appropriate, presenting Townhall with proposals that allow for more focused discussion.

Racial Justice Centering: Leeann Tourtillott guided the group through 10 minutes of racial justice centering including some challenging questions and a video by Reni Eddo-Lodge, *Brief but Spectacular*. [\(20+\) Watch | Facebook](#)

Reports:

Minister's Report-Corey Passons

- *Update on office move:* CIC finalized its move from the Hauser's to the designated spaces in TUCO last Thursday with the help of a good handful of CIC volunteers. We organized and cleaned our storage area off the Social Hall and installed a shelving unit and bookcase in the church storage room (off the kitchen) for children's crafts and supplies. We are also now receiving mail there....so the move is pretty much complete!
- *First in-person celebration:* CIC met in person on 12.12.21 for the first time since March of 2020. The contact tracing form indicated that 100% of the people present age five and up were vaccinated (and most were boosted) and four children under five were unvaccinated. Everyone was masked. There are no in person celebrations planned at this time with the first one that could happen being on January 9th.
- *Christmas Eve celebration:* This year's Christmas Eve celebration will be online and is being supported by Karen Ray and Penny Purkerson. We are actively soliciting participation and look forward to a warm and festive online, community experience.

- Retreats: With the recent (and sad!) news that Flagler retreat centers are closed indefinitely, we will be pursuing reservations at Millersylvania. I will be at my computer at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of January 3rd to make reservations, which we as a community can cancel later, if we decide to not use the reservations. This will be a big change, but Millersylvania also offers greater accessibility given its proximity and we will bring all of our intentions for connectivity and fun to that space!

Decision: Townhall participants agreed about reserving time around Labor Day for a retreat at Millersylvania (recognizing that we may need to be flexible about dates and number of days). The group also asked that we reserve time for a short retreat in May sometime around mother's day. Corey will pursue.

Call Shepherd Report for December 2021: Carol Rainwood

- I continue to collect Call Descriptions to compile on the Website. The goal is to have this ready by Annual Meeting.
- Call List Update has begun: I'm reaching out to folks who have Calls to ask if they plan to continue in their Calls this coming year, so we can have a current Call list by Annual Meeting.
- We have a NEED for someone to take over the Celebration Set Up Coordinator Call. Ramona Marshall has had this Call and she is ready to step down as Coordinator, but plans to continue to be part of the team.
- Karen Ray has volunteered to take the Call for Updating the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, starting in the New Year! Thanks Karen!

Connections Committee-no report

Community Support Team-no report

Finance report-Jan Rocks/Jacob Skeers. Things moving forward nicely. Some carry-over likely from 2021 to 2022. Contacts being made about pledges.

Social Justice Committee-no report

Open and Affirming Statement-report and approval scheduled for the January meeting.

Review of In-person gathering on 12/12/2021-Corey Passons

- Corey initiated this discussion by indicating that one of the young children in attendance on December 12th tested positive for Covid today. This announcement was followed-by a lengthy discussion about implications and options including what CDC recommendations say and the process for contacting those who attended the December 12th celebration. Townhall participants agreed to share responsibility for

contacting everyone who attended via text; Corey took responsibility for emailing everyone on the contact list.

- We agreed to send the following text: "CIC needs to let everyone who attended the Sunday December 12th celebration know that a child who was present and masked tested positive for Covid today and had symptoms surface Tuesday December 14th. For questions regarding testing and quarantine, please read the CDC guidelines at the link below. Please reply Yes if you receive this message. Let us now if you experience symptoms as well. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#closecontact>."
- Corey reinforced this message with an email to the CIC list.

Parking Lot: Benevolence Fund future

Dates for future SC and TH meetings:

- **January 2022:** Steering Circle-1/5/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-1/9/22 after celebration
- **Annual Meeting:** 1/30/22
- **February:** Steering Circle-2/23/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-2/27/22
- **March/April:** Steering Circle-3/30/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-4/3/22
- **April/May:** Steering Circle-4/27/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-5/1/22
- **June:** Steering Circle-6/1/22; Townhall-6/5/22

Issues for Next Month:

- **Racial Justice Centering:** Corey will coordinate
- **Interfaith Minister Report**
- **Children & Youth Program Update.**
- **2022 Budget Proposal:** budget to be presented at annual meeting
- **Open & Affirming Statement:** Revised statement presented to Townhall.
- **Committee Reports**