

CIC Townhall
February 27, 2022, at 6:45 pm
Zoom Meeting

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

Attendance: Jo & Thad Curtz, Sade Gilliom, Sarah Huntington, Corey Passons, Kathy Pruitt, Penny Purkerson, Carol & Jamie Rainwood, Karen Ray, Jan Rocks, Leeann Tourtillott, and Karen Tvedt.

Racial Justice Centering: Sarah offered the racial justice centering highlighting the work of Barbara Earl Thomas, a visual artist, writer and arts administrator based in Seattle. Here's an excerpt about her recent exhibit: "Barbara Earl Thomas' new body of work carries within it the sediments of history and grapples with race and the color line. At the heart of her new work is a story of life and death, hope and resilience—a child's survival. She takes us on a journey where she gives us clues, tracks and traces—the raw elements of the armor, like the one Black parents construct for their children at birth, to help them navigate the perilous landscape that is our country's color problem." Her work is being shown at the Henry Art Gallery in Seattle through May 2022.

Review of the December Townhall Meeting Notes: Karen Tvedt provided a brief summary of the January 9 Townhall and January 30 meetings. Full minutes are posted on the CIC website.

Minister's Report-Corey Passons

- Spring and Fall retreats - reserved the Meadow Shelter at Burfoot Park for June 19th Solstice Picnic. Labor Day 2022 is still "to be determined" and a community process for deciding locations is needed as we did not get the requested reservation at Millersylvania.
- In-person celebrations - There is a lot of movement right now with the messaging from the CDC and the Governor's office related to Covid and masking and gatherings. At this time, we will process new data as a community and realize that we might need more time to feel comfortable than some of the new guidelines and easing of restrictions. We will continue to check-in with each other and determine when and how we begin to regather
- Easter-The Grange Hall is rented and we have begun to recruit musicians who are stating their availability, but many are noting their attendance is contingent on the Covid numbers at that time....so this event is also pending a final form as we wait and see how the pandemic unfolds in the coming weeks.
- After extensive outreach, we still have a gap in the Finance Shepherd position (to be discussed later in the agenda).

Finance Report – Based on Nika Keller's Treasurer report, Sarah provided a quick overview on our financial situation which looks fine through January 2022. We spent \$200 in January on a speaker honorarium.

Call Shepherd Report-Carol Rainwood.

- We are still looking for a **Phone List Compiler** to update the list for this year and send the information to Scott to publish.
- Another Call that is still waiting for that perfect person is the CIC **Facebook Page Updater**. We need someone who is comfortable with Social Media and would like to take this on.
- Reached out to Jan Rocks with the Call Description for Finance Shepherd that she wrote earlier this year, to separate out the Pledge Shepherd duties from Finance Shepherd.
- Also trying to get a clear idea of what the Welcome Committee does, and how this differs from the role of Greeters and Phone List Compiler.

Children's Program-Corey reported that Kiva O'Neill has agreed to contract for work with the youth on a once-monthly basis. With difficulties in hiring, we need to process how we move forward with regathering.

Social Justice Committee-Karen reported that shelter lunches are still in limbo. Hunger Walk is planned at St. Martin University on May 1, 2022.

Regathering-Corey led a discussion about regathering options over the next few months. It's great to see infection rates down in Thurston County and mask mandates from the CDC ending. Questions remain about how long "now" is and what it will take for some/many of us to adjust to in-person meetings after the limitations of the past two years.

While we want to follow the science, several people expressed grief about what we've lost by not meeting in person and especially how this affects families with children. With the caveat that we will follow the trends and consider reconvening at TUCO if the numbers and science suggest it's safe, we focused on doing mostly outdoor celebrations through June. The following dates were suggested (and will be discussed further in Steering Circle):

- Outdoor gathering toward the end of March (weather permitting): March 20 or 27.
- Easter Celebration at the Grange on April 17 (Grange is reserved).
- Social gathering on Saturday April 23.
- Outdoor gathering May 8th (weather permitting).
- Spring retreat at Millersylvania on May 22nd (shelter reserved).
- Transition Sunday, June 12th (outdoors).
- Solstice Picnic, June 19th (shelter at Burfoot Park reserved).

Retreats-Corey will follow-up with Millersylvania about the possibility of retreat space around Labor Day if we are flexible with our dates. It would be good to have an ad hoc committee work on options; contact Corey or Sarah if you are willing to be part of this committee.

Finance Shepherd Call-Sarah and Corey reported that after contacting 15 or so people about the finance shepherd call, we haven't been able to find someone to take this position. While Penny has agreed to take on the Pledge Shepherd aspects of this call, the Finance Shepherd

plays an important role in reporting on our ongoing finances, developing the proposed annual budget, and sitting on the five-member Steering Circle. Among options discussed were: exploring contracting for part of this work (Corey will explore); reaching out to those previously contacted to let them know we're having difficulty finding someone for the call and letting them know about the change in responsibilities (that Penny will serve as Pledge Shepherd); and asking someone to take on the role on a short-term basis.

Parking Lot: Benevolence Fund Planning

Dates for future SC and TH meetings:

- **March/April:** Steering Circle-3/30/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-4/3/22 after celebration
- **April/May:** Steering Circle-4/27/22 at 7 pm; Townhall-5/1/22 after celebration
- **June:** Steering Circle-6/1/22; Townhall-6/5/22 after celebration