

CIC Townhall Meeting
December 11, 2022, 6:45 pm
Meeting Notes

Welcome and Agenda Review: Sarah Huntington, facilitator.

Attending (in person and via zoom): Thad Curtz, Hiliarie Hauptman, Peg Henry, Sarah Huntington, Penny Purkerson, Corey Passons, Kathy Pruitt, Carol/Jamie Rainwood, Leeann Tourtillott, and Karen Tvedt.

Racial Justice Centering (RJC): Sarah talked about the book, *Seeing Patients: Unconscious Bias in Health Care* by Augustus White with David Chanoff (contributor). According to online review: "If you're going to have a heart attack, an organ transplant, or a joint replacement, here's the key to getting the very best medical care: be a white, straight, middle-class male. This book by a pioneering black surgeon takes on one of the few critically important topics that haven't figured in the heated debate over health care reform--the largely hidden yet massive injustice of bias in medical treatment." Sarah noted in particular that patients of color are less likely to get medications and treatment for pain.

Review of the October Townhall Meeting Notes: Karen Tvedt provided an overview of the meeting notes as published in Wavelinks; full minutes posted on the CIC website.

Minister's Report (including YCPC report):

- Corey Passons talked about how CIC's transition from Covid has been unpredictable, perhaps calling for new norms and ways of understanding ourselves. He proposes a couple of meetings in February during which we explore questions such as who are we and what has changed? What nurtures us now (including families with children)? What gives us energy? What do we appreciate about CIC? What might change? Watch for meeting dates.
- Corey and Penny Purkerson have been meeting about plans for the **Christmas Eve Celebration** at the South Bay Grange. They will meet tomorrow with Carol and Jamie Rainwood to script the celebration including music. The celebration will be at 4:00 pm with cider and cookies. A zoom alternative will be available although it won't be as interactive as what we're doing for regular celebrations.
- **Children's Program:** Corey reported that while we're still trying to recruit teachers through announcements to the community, MiriamSterlin continues to serve as primary teacher with some help from volunteers. Miriam's energy, flexibility and creativity are appreciated, but this arrangement gives her almost no access to celebrations.

Finance Report: Thad Curtz provided the CIC financial report.

- As of the end of November, 90% of the year was gone, and we had received 89% of the 2022 pledges. Without the unanticipated expenses amount in the 2022 budget (\$2,343), we budgeted to spend \$60,142. 2022 Pledges were \$59,642 so we started with a \$500 deficit in

actual expected expenses (the difference including the unanticipated expenses line was covered by carry-forward from 2021).

- With under expenditures for teachers and other items such as Miriam's professional expenses, promotional materials, and special programs, we have \$4,076 in unspent 2022 budgeted amounts. However, we have \$3,823 in unbudgeted expenses, most notably \$3,560 in equipment and support hybrid celebrations. Bottom-line, Thad expects that with begging bowl receipts (\$218) and an estimated \$500 shortage in pledge receipts, actual income should just about match our actual expenditures. This will not allow for carry-over from the 2022 budget to 2023.
- Penny and Leann Tourtillott will reach out to folks with outstanding 2022 pledge amounts.

2023 Budget and Pledges-Penny and Thad

- Thad reported that if we include 5% across the board increases and eliminate the unanticipated expenses line, the CIC 2023 Budget would total \$63,149.
- Penny reported that she expects we may end up with \$63,250-\$63,750 in pledges for 2023 (as of December 15, we're at \$62,260).
- Townhall participants concluded that what's proposed for 2023 seems doable given what we know now. Thad suggested that if we have unanticipated needs, we have savings that might be used.

Call Shepherd Report-Carol Rainwood provided the following:

- She has sent all but two requests for updates to the call list and has heard back from 38 of 52 people. The calls look pretty stable for now, but we will have some turnover in the New Year.
- New call opportunity: a Reception Coordinator to manage logistics for Tara Young-Brown's ordination on Jan. 21. Jamie is willing to sit down with the volunteer to help them strategize. This call has been posted in Wavelinks and announced at CIC. Carol reached out to someone, but they declined. Another person is thinking about taking on this role.
- We still have calls that need help: the Community Support Team, the Community Kitchen Team, and the Set up/Take down crew.

Connections Committee: nothing new.

Community Support Report: Sarah reported that this team could still use another co-coordinator or two.

Social Justice Committee Report: Corey reported that the group is doing planning for an MLK celebration on January 15, 2023, focusing on anti-racism and consciousness-raising work. Kristine Forbes is new to the SJC and will be doing outreach about forming a group on white privilege.

Solstice Potluck: There was extended discussion about CIC's comfort level with a potluck at the upcoming Solstice Celebration. Alternatives discussed included requiring prior Covid testing,

having a potluck for those who are comfortable with it, etc. The consensus was that while we're comfortable sharing Wassail, it's not feasible to do a potluck at this time. After the first of the year, we will survey the community about preferences and comfort levels.

Time of Celebration: again, there was active discussion about whether to move our Sunday celebrations from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm to better accommodate families with children, and if so, whether we would do so just for winter months. The consensus was to move celebrations to 4:00 pm through the first half of 2023 including Townhall on January 29th. By way of process, there will be a notice in Wavelinks, an email to CIC'ers, and assessment of results in late spring.

Fundraiser Update: Leeann and Kathy Pruitt. Leeann reported that CIC sold 750 pounds of fish. (Note-as of December 21, \$3,340 had been raised for the Benevolence Fund.) Kathy indicated that the fundraising committee meets again in January. Jan Rocks will provide a Benevolence Fund Report at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Upcoming Dates

- January: Steering Circle-1/4/2023 at 7:00 pm; Townhall-1/8/2023 after celebration (hybrid)
- January 21-Tara Young-Brown's ordination at United Churches of Olympia
- Annual Meeting: 1/29/2023 from 4:00-6:00 pm(hybrid)
- March-Steering Circle-3/8/2023 at 7:00 pm; Townhall-3/12/2023 after celebration (hybrid)
- April-Steering Circle-4/19/2023 at 7:00 pm; Townhall-4/23/2023 after celebration (hybrid)