

CIC Townhall Meeting  
January 8, 2023, 6:45 pm  
Meeting Notes

**Welcome and Agenda Review:** Sarah Huntington, facilitator.

**Attending:** Betty Hauser, Thad/Jo Curtz, Kathy Pruitt, Karen Tvedt, Sarah Huntington, Penny Purkerson, Corey Passons, Carol/Jamie Rainwood.

**Racial Justice Centering (RJC):** Betty Hauser discussed the decades-long effort to create a Northwest Native Canoe Carving Center in Seattle. The United Indians of All Tribes Foundation recently held a blessing at the Center for Wooden Boats at South Lake Union, near to where the new native canoe center will be built. Construction is set to begin this fall.

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

**Minister's Report (including YCPC report):**

- **Children's Program:** With our discussions about moving Celebrations from 5:00 to 4:00 pm, we hope to engage more families with children. This will highlight our need for additional YCPC staff. Corey will meet with Miriam to discuss broadening our outreach strategies, e.g., reposting ads at schools, child care facilities and community bulletin boards, and reaching out to instructors about intern possibilities. Scheduling issues make planning for our youth difficult; we need to exercise flexibility in exploring alternatives with this group.
- **Community Survey and Conversations:** As discussed during last month's Townhall meeting, we will schedule one or two meetings in February to reflect on where CIC is as a community. We will also survey CIC members on issues such as post-Covid practices including potlucks.
- **Tara's Ordination:** Plans for Tara's ordination on January 21 are underway with Jamie Rainwood coordinating logistical arrangements.
- **Technology:** Technology for our hybrid Celebrations continues to evolve. Five people have received varying levels of training and two additional people are interested in being trained (Corey will follow-up with Jody Klein.)

**Finance Report:** Thad Curtz provided the CIC financial report.

- At the end of December 2022, CIC total income was \$57,450 and expenses were \$57,830. There are some 2022 costs remaining including \$500 to Interfaith Works and some additional FICA taxes.
- Penny expects that we will receive at least \$3,700 more in 2022 pledges.
- Assuming these assumptions are correct, we would have about \$1,470 in carry-over from 2022 to 2023.

### **2023 Budget and Pledges-Penny and Thad**

- Penny reports \$63,250 in 2023 pledges. Two additional pledges are likely which would increase the total by around \$1,500. 20 families increased their pledges, 22 stayed the same, and four decreased their pledges but hope to increase them; five new pledges were received and three pledges will not continue.
- Thad provided an overview of the draft 2023 budget which includes five percent wage increases for Corey and Miriam starting July 1 and assumes compensation for preschool and grade-school teachers (one for nine months, the other for ten months). With five percent increases in some line items and a few items that are still guesses, Thad estimates \$63,237 in 2023 expenses which is roughly equal to what we currently have in pledges (not counting any additional pledges and possible carry-over from 2022).
- By consensus, Townhall participants approved the proposed 2023 budget for consideration at the CIC Annual Meeting. If available funds exceed proposed expenses (\$62,485), these funds will be included in the unanticipated expenses line of the 2023 budget.

### **Call Shepherd Report-Carol Rainwood provided the following:**

- Call List Update: All volunteers have been contacted and all but five have responded. There are some changes to calls this coming year, but overall, the calls are stable. Most of the updates are in a Google Doc and will be posted to our website by annual meeting.
- We need to fill the two Financial Audit Calls, as both Betty Hauser and Pat Starzyk are stepping down this year.
- The Community Support Team could use a couple more volunteers.
- The Set Up/Take down Team needs back-up volunteers.
- Sarah will continue as facilitator through the Annual Meeting. Discussions are ongoing about her replacement.

**Connections Committee:** Nothing new.

**Community Support Report:** As noted, additional volunteers are needed.

**Social Justice Committee (SJC) Report:** The SJC is focused on planning for the MLK celebration on January 15, 2023. Jo Curtz noted that she appreciates the SJC updates in Wavelinks.

**Fundraiser Update:** With the fundraising committee meeting this week, Kathy Pruitt asked for input about whether we should do another fundraiser this spring. Between movie night and the fish sale, we currently have enough money to cover Community Kitchen meals this year. Kathy will provide a report from the committee at our next Townhall meeting.

**Time of Celebration:** Corey reported that outreach has been done with families, musicians, and members of the hybrid technology team. Most people were enthusiastic (or at least curious) about changing our Celebrations to 4:00 pm. Penny noted that starting earlier could be a challenge for people who have been out-of-town over the weekend. Townhall participants considered the following proposal: To better accommodate families with young children,

starting with the Annual Meeting on January 29 and continuing through the current CIC year, our regular Sunday Celebrations will start at 4:00 pm. We will ask for input about how this has worked as part of the annual review coordinated by the Connections Committee in June. With one abstention, consensus was reached.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

**Upcoming Dates**

- January 21, 2023, 2:00 pm in United Churches sanctuary-Tara Young-Brown's ordination
- 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)
- May-Spring Retreat on Sunday 5/21/2023 at Millersylvania State Park, Shelter #2 (all day event)