

CIC Townhall Minutes from March 2, 2025

**PRESENT:**

Corey P., Hugh, O., Dick and Betty Hauser, Cindy Guertin-Anderson, Jo and Thad Curtz,, Robert Walker, Pat Starzyk, Leeann Tourrlitott, Jamie and Carol Rainwood, Stephen Aldrich (left early) Peg Henry on zoom. Karen Lohmann.

**Racial Justice Centering:** Corey gave a thought provoking reflection on DEI and discussion followed.

**Minutes of Annual Meeting** read by Karen Lohmann, no discussion.

**Minister's Report: Corey Passons:**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: will be at "FUMCO" -(First United Methodist Church of Olympia) getting organized with volunteers, details in place.

Gaps in celebration leadership, no pressure on community .

Next celebration following 50<sup>th</sup> party will be a reflection on the party.

Sabbatical plans for Jan/Feb of 2026 . Karen Ray and a DTF (disappearing task force) is working on protocols and policies for future sabbaticals, to begin after our big 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Hospitality/Host call to welcome and integrate new people to CIC.

Reflection on how it is hard to be seen as a new person in a new culture. Corey to support new folks.

Corey would like "Celebration Planning" group to start up as a call again and meet bi-monthly, as it slipped away and more support for planning is needed.

Jo Curtz asked if a Seder dinner is planned for this year. Corey replied "no".

*\*Jo Curtz to contact: Miriam, Hilarie, Jodi Klien and Julie Waters to inquire about possibility of a Seder, on perhaps April 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday.*

**Children's Program Report: (YPCP) : Miriam's report attached**

Corey-New families, Abby Moyer with two sons (5 and 7) and Jessica Solenberger also with 2 sons of similar ages , are hoping to begin attending. We need to grow our kids program vibrantly!

*\*Corey to meet with Miriam.*

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### **Children's Program Report: continued**

Betty stated there are adults who are willing to volunteer.

Corey spoke of the FUMCO "best practice" model of always having two adults for children's programs - CIC will be required to use their staff during our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Corey spoke of his support for this model.

CIC kids are making a big card for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Empathy building has been happening in kids classes.

Aubry will be graduating from TESC and from CIC.

*\*Cindy G-A offered to meet with families with kids.*

### **Finance Report:**

Thad C. handed out finance report (attached), No significant changes to report. I-Bonds went into CD ladder. Thanks Thad.

### **Call Shepherd Report:**

*\*Cindy G-A to re-instigate calls for Hosts, Celebration Planning.*

### **Committee Reports:**

Social Justice- Betty H. gave thanks for the ongoing donations to the clothing box.

Interfaith Works Program Council needs a few more representatives from CIC; Christine Forbes is solo at this point.

Web pages being developed for Racial Justice, Community Activities, and there is a new "Confronting White Supremacy" cohort.

Corey, Betty, Christines happened to all be March Marshalls recently at a rally.

### **50Th Anniversary Celebration:**

over 100 RSVP's,

*\*Door Monitors will be needed as FUMCO's has a locked-door policy.*

### **Community Support and Connections:**

Hugh reported, "Great Meals", no news to reported.

### **Capital Campaign:**

Architectural drawing changes, added costs, TUCO says "NO" to any Tesla batteries, re-striping of upper parking lot and walkway along building will be added improvements.

*\*CIC urged to Pledge soon, April 6<sup>th</sup> Townhall to address TUCO pledges*

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**Capital Campaign continued:**

*\*Wavelinks needs to announce up coming decisions prior to next (4/6 Townhall)*

*Re: Capital Campaign fundraising for TUCO.*

**Fundraising:**

Peg Henry reported Harlequin Productions will co-host fundraiser for CIC in 2026.

**Sacred Spaces: Corey P**

Sacred Spaces Document, put together by many respected faith leaders in our wider community, regarding holy places as sanctuaries in these times.

Discussion at length regarding intentions, merits, questions about the implications of signing the Sacred Spaces Document. Corey to sign, wider community of CIC needs more information.

*\* Suggestion to have copies for CIC members to read, have a celebration devoted to discussion.*

**Spring Retreat: Millersylvania State Park**

Leeann advocating for a longer retreat, \*(Thursday through Sunday?) as we only have one a year presently, CIC has history of two per year.

Suggestions to Poll CIC, have celebration on a Saturday during retreat

*\* Corey to put together a Poll.*

*Meeting ended by 8:00pm*