

CIC Town Hall meeting 9/21/25

Present: Corey P., Pat Starzyk, Robert Walker, Karen Lohmann, Jamie and Carol Rainwood, Sue, Patty, Penny P., Leeann Tourtillott, Wendy, Julie Waters, Christine Forbes, Sade Gilliom, Tara Young-Brown, Betty and Dick Hauser, Hugh O'Neill, Tom O'Brian, Bev Witherow, Peg Henry.

Hugh welcomed us,

Corey led the **Racial Justice Centering** on Harm Reduction and Policing.

Question for a volunteer to lead Racial Justice Centering at a future TH meeting, Christine Forbes volunteered.

Agenda:

Karen read minutes from June 1 Town Hall, no correction.

Dick announced about wanting to eliminate the Comcast account and transition to Gmail. Thanks to Dick to managing that account.

Corey: Minister's Report:

Sabbatical Jan and Feb. Corey away. Last Christmas eve till Easter. March is integration month. Corey started a Celebration Planning Cohort. Proposed structure of IF Guest Speakers program. We'd like to have a Sunday for discussion of IF dialogue and help with this sharing. Proposed an 8 week series with CIC folks- interspersed with 4 guests from the community. Corey asked: How does having 4 guests feel, over 2 months? Guests might relieve CIC some responsibility while Corey on sabbatical.

Feedback?

- **Jamie:** Every other week theme has the usual amount of CIC leading. We hope it will be expansive to heart and mind.
- **Betty:** great idea. We are an interfaith community, great fun to have input from others with comparing/sharing from the wider interfaith community. Contrast with other religious leaders.
- **Tara:** asking guests to hold our theme for the year.
- **Corey** said guest list so far is: Rev. Mary from OUUC, Rabbi Seth, an Islamic center guest (Imam?) and Amy Cooper from IF works from the Wiccan tradition.
- **Betty:** ask them to include practices rather than just talking; practices for CIC to experience their religion.
- **Penny:** we have the dates all filled in these 8 weeks. Final celebration would be harvesting from

the series, lead by Celebration Planning. CIC to share from: Buddhist, Sufi, Christianity, etc.

Corey got affirmation from those gathered at town hall. Thanks to Celebration. Planning and Steer Circle.

Corey working with **Karen** Ray on a booklet to share roles, info, practical things while Corey is gone. Steering Circle to help folks in their extra roles, etc.

Children's program: Elise now in the classroom. **Corey** to meet with **Cindy** GA and families of CIC to find out how they envision kids program, how CIC can support them. Goal of growing kids program and support new and existing families.

Thad: via zoom **Finance Report:** gathered folks have a paper copy of Sept 2025 Budget Report ... Usual- spending as expected/ **Corey** spent 1/3 of prof expenses. \$ to Miriam as expected, Aubrey paid about half as expected, Elise to be paid some of what was left from Aubry's position. Paying out as expected: workers comp, L and I, family leave and medical insurance. Spent a bit more (82 % instead of 72%) and a bit more for space rental to...TUCO, FUMCO? (maybe \$ returned from TUCO.) We are in good shape in general. Not much to say. Spent 77% of duplication budget, unusual. Totals:Expenditures: \$40,798. Pledge income is \$36,088. (\$1.251 from begging bowl,) pledges go up and down.

- Budget \$4500. deficit expected to be covered with accumulated surplus.
- We made a \$10,000. donation for TUCO remodel.
- Now have \$7,084. in checking and various CD's with interest coming in. Any questions? **Penny** asked if the donation to TUCO has come out and shown in this budget? Yes. Interfaith works money spent?, Yes a once a year expense.
- **Corey** asked: **Hugh, Penny**, what help do you need for pledge gathering support? Yes we have a deficit. We planned on a budget deficit of \$4,600. **Penny** to get in touch with folks whose pledge hasn't come in yet. **Penny** wants someone else to do the thermometer. **Carol** volunteered to make a thermometer. Penny will give Carol the #'s.
- **Penny:** we need the budget first, have a target, then start fundraising for 2026. **Thad and Penny** to draft a preliminary draft budget for next year. Thanks you Thad! Great spreadsheets!

(No Call Shepherd report- Call Shepherd not here.)**Committee reports:**

Betty: Social Justice: discussed changes in website and Wavelinks, **Betty** says she is not "the most interested" in changing Wavelinks, but goal is to change newsletter to make it more user friendly, as it is too long, too much content. **Safia** Crane looks at Unity newsletter. (Sample) very professional, it has

a photos, short entries, and categories, last one is a community corner. **Scott** not interested in doing links every week nor photos and graphics, hopefully a meeting of committee minds. Will gather to move forward. **Betty** asks: What would be nice, what makes sense, we need a few more people. **Tara:** Melanie does this (tech) for a living, started a Whats'App for CIC (might she help with website, etc.?) **Thad** would be on committee. Have a sub-committee on communication? Thanks given to Betty.

Community Kitchen: **Alan, Bethanie, and Richard** are committee, need more for 2 shifts. 50 meals "to go" and 200 cooked, 60 to Unity commons, food prices going up. Long time paid staff at CK retired, looking for new person. **Hugh:** sustainable costs for the future? **Leeann:** fundraising ?

Community support, Sabra-and Bethanie organize support for community, illnesses and new babies, etc. They are looking for new team member for "meal-train organizer." Interested? Get a hold of Bethanie and Sabra. They also want new member, **Bethanie** to pass the torch to someone new. Opportunity!!

Connections Committee: Evaluation summary, not this time, next Town Hall on Oct 26.

Retreats: **Leeann** with help **Carol and Hilarie** in past. **Christine F. and Nikka** are now this committee. Retreat in May is booked at Millersylvania. Leeann asked Corey if he tried for fall? He has tried for 2 years. Discussion to try again in Fall with a 3 day instead of 2 day. Unknown. Have to apply 365 days in advance. Email application at 7:00 am one year in advance. Corey tried and it didn't work. Any inquiries about Gwinwood? Yes in the past. Have we looked at Pilgrim Firs, the UCC church camp? **Tara** has cooked there for private retreats. A possibility. Gig Harbor. Swimming, boating, etc.

Fundraising: **Leeann**, check in with **Gene**, didn't know at first, price of fish really high, then a "Yes" to selling fish, we might charge double..(Gene wants us to sell it for what the food co-op sells it for.) Gene goes out on a limb to get fish and there are unpredictable aspects of the Fish Sale.

Leeann contacted **Jan** re: Theater fundraiser, way more \$. **Peg:** Harlequin offers opportunities for non-profits on dress-rehearsal on eve of opening night.. We don't know what shows are yet for 2026. **Peg** looked at all of the shows, some would not work for out for CIC. **Peg** selected one, Harlequin will not commit until October. We may not get our first choice. **Peg** to make a second choice on last day of Sept. - to help plan ahead. It was a fun social event, we learned a lot. Peg wants choice to be good for kids, no violence, not dark. What do we look for re: community building? Long term, it's dependent on what shows are offered.

Leeann: yes to fish sale 2025, don't know for 2026. **Leeann's** last yr. in this role. Should CIC designate a percentage back to Harlequin? **Peg** want small committee, not just she and Jan Rocks. First choice of play is Feb/March,: "The Foreigner," or October. #2 choice is Oscar Wilde's, "The Importance of being Earnest."

TUCO renovation, Betty - a little behind. Maybe mid November or October. It's fluid. Stay tuned.
Oct. 1st meeting.

New TH Dates 10/26 and Dec.14. draft budget for 2026.

Draft budget on 10/26, begin pledge drive.

Need a Facilitator for January 25, 2026 Annual meeting: Sarah H? Or?

Penny wants info re: ceiling in social hall will talk to Rev. Laura (Paint?)

Adjourned at 7:20PM