Green Sanctuary Committee

Sept. 15, 2019

Annie Warmke, co-chair

Present: Tiffany Harvey, Tim Finkel, Jim Grecni, Debra Miller, George Banziger, Annie Warmke. Kelcey Jacobs, Cindy Taylor, Chris Jacobs, Andrew Clovis

Minutes of August meeting approved.

Green tips for October: Jim Grecni.

October 5 Hoedown: Need for volunteers for snacks—finger food. Put in Confluence! Annie will write up. Kelscey will issue press release to newspaper and radio stations. Handed out flyers for posting. Can Shari and Dave post flyers in Newport? Dawn trying to find live music.

October 6, 13 p.m. Solar open house, part of national tour. Will show energy dashboard and take visitors upstairs in RE to look at installation. Cindy, George, Jim and Dawn are willing to help with it.

Beat Climate Change Coffee House, Nov. 16, 7-10 p.m. Dawn and Rebecca met to discuss short plays. Need actors, producer. Send to FUUSM to invite helpers. Request in Confluence. Kelcey will do publicity. Put Rebecca in touch with Kelcey! Get it on Facebook!

George: Citizen Climate Lobby update. National is gearing up for November 12 lobby day. Local chapter is meeting tomorrow night. Need to get Marietta College students involved.

Devola Sept. 28, Recycling at a race. We have enough helpers lined up. Mike will hand off recycling bins to George.

Sustainability Forum: Annie proposes a committee (virtual or actual). Andrew will have full description this week.

Green Marietta - a designation: landscaping, recycling, energy audits. This has been done elsewhere, not reinventing the wheel. Annie: focus on three types of business: real-estate, church, tourism. How to save money, shop locally. Maybe charge $50 for the weekend. Annie envisions we set up criteria, businesses pay to come learn, apply for designation. We can document from other communities that this can work, increase property value.

Jim: There are some churches that have enough members that want to emulate our GSC.

Cindy: Having a certification program is a long-term thing. Need on-going commitment from both businesses and certifying organization (us).

Kelcey: Use sustainability forum to create Green Marietta designation.

Annie: “Certification” is wrong word. Good to make the designation Self-directed.

Andrew: Buy-in is important. Encourage businesses to have non-styrofoam alternatives for carry out. Many companies are open to such feedback. We can help business make informed decisions. (Meanwhile, we can encourage people to carry their own containers with them for carry out.)

We agree that we want to have theme: Sustainable Marietta. Let’s have a date where we’re to meet to organize. October 1, 7 p.m. Brain storming. Send invitation to Confluence. Dawn will request RE parlor.

Stress proactive approach. Not a lecture on how bad things are; but what we can do. What can one little person do.

George: Marietta School Levy info sessions coming up. George will ask if these buildings will be green. Annie: LEED turns people off. It’s just about spending money. George will address energy conservation, recycling, built in. There is usually cost saving from sustainable building. Will it be built for the future, which may be very different from past and present?

Jim will go to a different meeting.

Debra: National climate strike on Friday. Any local activities? Marshall University is having a sustainability forum. No-waste football game.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hewitt, scribe