

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta
Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015
FUUSM RE building - parlor

Attending: Dawn Hewitt, George Banziger, Dawn Weidner, Adeline Bailey, Caroline Putnam, Rev. Lynda Smith and Stuart Smith, Debra Miller and Jim Grecni, Patty Troisi, and Roger Kalter.

Committee chair **Heather Royer** was unable to attend; **Caroline Putnam** chaired the meeting.

Agenda

Subcommittees/Chair Situation.

Caroline reviewed the suggestions from the September meeting, with the following outcomes from committee response and discussion:

find a new chair/co-chair – Dawn Hewitt agreed to contact **Heather Royer** and discuss serving as co-chair with her through December before taking on the chair position; She reiterated the need for support from subcommittees.

rotate chairmanship, especially for chiring meetings – Having acting chairs for meetings when the chair can't be present is a good idea.

dissolve the committee – This suggestion was totally dismissed from consideration.

form a subcommittee to help organize our activities - Good idea, but no definitive action taken at this meeting.

meet quarterly instead of monthly – Discussion revolved around having full committee meet quarterly, with subcommittees or working teams meeting during months when their activities were involved. No definitive action taken at this meeting.

Calendar of Green Sanctuary activities presented by **Adeline Bailey** was reviewed with input from those present. A copy of the calendar with additions is included with these minutes.

Review of mission statement and goals from certification application was tabled until next meeting.

Just Dinner. The September 25 Just Dinner was discussed, and the difficulties GS experienced in reaching out to other groups in the community. The committee voted to skip the November Just Dinner, avoiding the holiday season and allowing time to form a subcommittee to organize a Just Dinner in February. (The usual date has been the third Friday of the month in the quarterly rotation, so February 19 would be the next date.) **Caroline Putnam** and **Dawn Hewitt** volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

Low Carbon Diet Fall Group. The fall LCD group has been rolled into the Religious Explorations sessions beginning on November 22 and running through January 16. It was suggested that we consider offering another group sometime after the first of the year.

GS January 10 Worship Service. Although no official subcommittee was formed, **Dawn Hewitt** and **Rebecca Phillips** volunteered to work on the service. **Jane Tumas-Serna** has already agreed to be Worship Associate. Adeline gave Dawn Hewitt some additional information about expectations from Worship and Music about planning the service.

Gardening Classes. **Roger Kalter** has requested new leadership for this project that usually begins in late January or early February. Several possible organizers were suggested; Roger will contact FUUSM friend **Cindy Brown** and other Master Gardeners. Roger is willing to mentor new leaders and explain what's involved with getting the project rolling.

Area Environmental Group activities. A group for faith communities organized to respond to Pope Francis' recent encyclical met Wednesday, October 14. **Adeline and Mike Bailey** attended and will report more information as it becomes available. On Thursday, October 15, **Dawn Hewitt, Rebecca Phillips** and **Rev. Kat Hawbaker** attended an introductory meeting for a group with a more activist approach to responding to climate change: Citizens Climate Lobby. More information about a Mid-Ohio Valley chapter will be available soon.

Solar Panels project. **George Banziger** reported that it looks like solar panels will be added to FUUSM's proposed capital campaign, but how the purchase of the panels will be funded is still to be considered.

Interfaith Power and Light. **Dawn Hewitt** will check into what the Ohio IPL offers.

Marietta Recycle Center. The \$125 donation to the Recycle Center has been sent.

It's Easy Being Green revisions. Dawn and Adeline from the **summer LCD group** have taken a first look at the booklet and recognize that portions of it are outdated. More information to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline Bailey (scribe)

FUUSM Green Sanctuary Calendar for 2015-2016

Monthly Events and Activities:

GS committee meeting – Third Sunday of each month (unless co-opted) 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Community Meal recycling/composting guru/worker – Second Friday of each month

All the Time:

Recycle aluminum

Clean River Trail – **clarification: clean Muskingum Park section we adopted**

Sunday coffee sales – ordering, record keeping, selling – **suggestion to form teams like for grocery card sales and kitchen cleanup**

UUA-sponsored activities or groups of interest

Commit2Respond

UU Justice Ohio – **November 14, Justice Assembly scheduled**

Local groups of interest

Marietta Recycle Center

ARECC

Armory – **opening scheduled for November 11.**

Friends of Lower Muskingum – **GS holds group membership; Elin Jones suggested as contact.**

Sierra Club

New groups forming around climate change response

WVU Parkersburg student groups

Marietta College student groups

Harvest of Hope

Community Gardens

Fracking Interest Group– **possible contact Jann Adams (at present, mostly interested in injection wells in Washington County)**

OEC – GS holds group membership; Jim Grecni will be contact.

October 2015

14 & 15 - Climate Change groups in Parkersburg

November 2015

6 – Service Auction

? Just Dinner – **committee decided to cancel for Nov.**

22 - (UUA suggested start date) Guest at Your Table

22 – Low Carbon Diet Program during Adult RE

December 2015

26 - Holiday Bike Tour

January 2016

10 – GS worship service

February 2016

19 - Just Dinner

? Gardening Classes (open to community)

March 2016

?Gardening Classes

April 2016

- 22 – Actual Earth Day on calendar
- 23? - Earth Day in Marietta
- ? - Earth Day in Parkersburg
- ? - Adult RE classes with a green theme
- ? - Annual Meeting – reports, etc.

May 2016

- 20? - Just Dinner

June 2016

- ? - Annual Picnic
- 12 - Garden Tour
- 22 – 26 - UUA General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio

July 2016

- 17-23 - Summer Institute
- 17? - Broughton Ice Cream Social (recycle efforts?) - **suggestion to coordinate with other faith communities**

August 2016

- 19? – Just Dinner

September 2016

- 9 – 11 – Marietta Sternwheel Festival (recycle efforts?) - **comment was that efforts toward development of other community recycling programs in Marietta would be more beneficial.**

