Green Sanctuary Meeting

July 21, 2019

Present: Adeline Bailey, Mike Bailey, George Banziger, Andrew Clovis, Tim Finkel, Jim Grecni, Gary Hamilton, Dawn Hewitt, Chris Jacobs, Kelcey Jacobs, Debra Miller, Ralph Olander, Rebecca Phillips (serving as scribe), Cindy Taylor, Annie Warmke

 I. **Minutes of the June Meeting**

Annie noted that a correction is needed but did not have a copy of the minutes with her. She agreed to look it up and contact Dawn later.

 II. **Just Dinner**. Potluck to be held on August 2.

 III. **Climate Change Theater Action**

* A Beat-themed coffeehouse entitled “Beat Climate Change Coffeehouse” will be held on Saturday, November 16, at 7:00, pending approval of the date.
* Rebecca will add our event to CCTA when the date is confirmed.
* Coffee and snacks will be available; donations will go to the Marietta Area Recycing Center.
* Rebecca will select a short play from the list for the theater action and approach readers/performers.
* "The Serenity Poetry Series” that Peg Clifford attends, run by Carl Nelson, will be invited.
* Rebecca will contact the writers group at WVUP.

**IV. Red, White, and Blues Festival recycling** post mortem: It brought attention to recycling.

 **Other Recycling Opportunities**

* George suggested approaching Jessie Bigley about recycling for the 2020 Sweet Corn Festival. There was discussion of having water dispensers to minimize single-use bottles. Mike Bailey noted that festival vendors sell bottled water and providing free water could be a source of conflict. Approaching Witten Farm about composting of the corn cobs and husks was also suggested. We should also talk with organizer Jessie Bog;eu/
* YMCA 5K. George will call about the date and possible recycling opportunities. There was discussion of providing unstaffed recycling boxes, but it was noted that these can be problematic.

Those who wish to help should be at East Muskingum Park Saturday, August 10, at 8 a.m. for setup. Event over around 10:30.

* Rivers, Trails, and Ales Festival. Cindy Taylor noted that the festival already offers free water but was uncertain whether recycling is already part of the event.

**V. Fundraising Hoedown.**  This year's hoedown will be held at 7:30 on October 5 at the home of Dave and Shari Ballantyne. Chris Jacobs will call squares; Dawn Hewitt will call a few contras, and ask Moon Mullen if he’ll provide live music.

**VI. Citizens Climate Lobby**

George explained carbon fee and dividend and reminded everyone that CCL meets on third Mondays at 6:30. He and Dave Ballantyne will be meeting with Rep. Johnson on August 19; they hope to find common ground and create an ongoing relationship. He is in contact with someone from Oberlin regarding Senator Portman.

**VII. Sustainability Forum**

Andrew Clovis shared his notes. **(Addendum: I may need some clarification here. Lots of ideas were discussed quickly)**

* Date: January 31-February 2
* Format:

Friday: screen film *A Force for Nature*

Saturday: Morning session—common topic?

Concurrent sessions—perhaps food security, land and water, energy conservation

Wrap-up and large-group discussion

Dinner—Sustainability Soiree?

Evening event possibilities—Solar Flair fashion show; readers theater of Ibsen's *Enemy of the People*

Sunday—Social Justice Sunday event?

* Question: how to make this a really big event and not just preach to the choir? Groups/individuals to contact: Katy Lustofin, Master Gardeners, Harvest of Hope, Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, North Bend State Park, Master Naturalists, Solar United Neighbors, city of Marietta
* Annie suggests a focus on what can be done rather than on converting anti-environmentalists.
* Need to count rooms to determine number of breakout groups.
* Discussion of fee schedule

**VIII. Church Energy Usage.** Dawn reminded the group of a message from Dave Ballantyne about church electricity usage after solar panel installation.

**IX. August Social Justice Forum.** Citizens Climate Lobby and Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action will be showing the film *Paris to Pittsburgh.*

**X. Upcoming Workshop.** Cindy Taylor shared information about a September 21 workshop on Climate Change and Public Health, at Event Hall of West Virginia University College of Law Center for Energy and Sustainable Development in Morgantown, WV. To register:
**<https://saveblackwater.org/west-virginia-center-on-climate-change/climate-change-and-public-health>**