

**Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting      May 8, 2017**

**Present: Janet, Ginger, Pat, and Debbie**

**Guest: Pat N.**

**1. Old Business update**

- a. Supply Check-- all supplies are adequate.
- b. Bulletin Board update--KTC up through end of month—Next--Litter focus

**2. Kids to Camp Update**

Split the Plate (STP) through end of May. As of May 4--\$751 total collected, with \$336 from STP, \$415 from straight donations

Ginger will write blurb for weekly email encouraging further contributions by month's end.

**3. Metal Recycling Debriefing—**

Rainy weather affected—very few drop-offs, but cash donations of \$33. Can for donations and announcement on Sunday to solicit additional cash for food pantry.

**4. Roadside litter concern—presented by Pat N.**

Pat N. attended recent Town Council meeting and, with another citizen, spoke of roadside litter problem in town and lack of enforcement of existing law. She feels town should assess fees on businesses responsible for litter and wants to encourage other citizens to attend Town Council meetings and speak during open forum to show support. Pat has spoken to DOT—Rte. 28-- Winter St. to Middleboro rotary is particularly bad. May 23 is next Council meeting with open forum—drum up support. Root of litter problem—people's behavior—enforcement might change behavior—regulations exist.

Town Clean up—May 21—not Pat—good time to publicize. MA bill petition—5 cent deposit on nip bottles—campaign by citizens—Pat N. has petitions. GSC will circulate at church and any meetings, etc.—back by May 21. No need to separate petitions by towns.

Pat met with new B-R schools facilities manager re: hydration stations in schools; pesticides on grounds. Also need increased awareness at BSU—Janet at meeting on campus where disposable bottles given out.

**5. Energy**

Request by EH to pursue energy audit for church.

Ginger will contact MA IP&L re: process and scheduling, then connect with Tom to be present and Quent for his information and to be there, if desired.

**6. Other Business**

- a. 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project status

-- Little Free Libraries—Janet contacted MBTA and is waiting for response to placement at Commuter Rail station. Betty G. will contact rep. at Transfer Station for placement there.

- b. Solstice Initiative Update

1. Heavy vinyl sign under Wayside Pulpit approved—will be made by SI using design approved by GSC.
2. Need smaller sign for office side inside hallway—Deb will contact David W. re: creating one. Lawn signs for subscribers—Deb will contact SI rep.

**7. Movie (OMG GMOs) presentation status—**Deb contacted Pat N. who will plan for future date

## **8. Annual Report**

Deb sent draft to all for suggestions/critique. Deb will send final version to committee, then forward to secretary by May 15 deadline.

**9. Summer Service –August 20—Freedom Farm presentation**-planning in coming months

## **10. Auction June 10**

- a. Breakfast—Deb will write blurb, using last yr's info—tentative date--August 26—all confirm date ok.
- b. Recycled silverware wind chimes planning—workshop for up to 6 people—blurb for auction (Deb).  
Committee members will try to make chimes sample in next few weeks.

**10. Bridging Tip Schedule**—by May 20—Deb; by June 20 (summer issue)—Janet; by Sept. 20—Pat

**11. Next Meeting**—June 12 at 1:00 at Janet's

Aside: Nematodes may help with tick control (Arbico—on line co.) or diatomaceous earth. Tick tubes—permethrin—mice carry—use tp tube