

Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting January 7, 2019

Present: Janet, Ginger, Pat, Debbie Guest: Rev. Paul

1. Old Business update

- a. Supply Check—Simple Green, garbage bags recently replenished. Janet will purchase TP/PT, dish powder and dish liquid this month. Janet and Deb will make additional towels for bathrooms.
- b. Bulletin Board—Peace Committee has updated.
- c. Little Free Libraries update—Deb will pursue getting contact info for Scoutmaster in Bridgewater to determine interest for Eagle Scout project.

2. Other Business

- a. Solstice Initiative— David W. ordering generic solar sign to hang below Wayside Pulpit as well as smaller banner for back church stairway, with possible additional location—hallway between sanctuary and UPH or main vestibule. Check location sites with Eileen and Sue (contacts for ad hoc beautification committee). Also discussed adding framed sign for solar and the design for sign. Deb will follow up with David.
- b. Possible Initiative with East Bridgewater YMCA to encourage re-usable water bottle use—Committee members will approach Y Executive Director to present ideas for water conservation (reminders/signage re: hydration stations, reusable bottles, showers, etc.) by April.
Paul mentioned seeing water bottles left around church; disposable water bottles are sold at Coffee House. Janet will remind organizers to use pitchers of water. She has more sustainable paper goods for coffee, but has found Styrofoam cup use. Reminders to increase awareness by Coffee House participants. Pat will research and purchase additional small reusable cups for Coffee Hour.
- c. Bristol-Plymouth Tech Student—Nolan B.—interest in committee and presenting research on bioluminescent marine life. Invite to an upcoming meeting.
- d. UU Middleboro Climate Justice update—has been less active--continue to pursue.
- e. Social Catalysts luncheon—Deb will contact re: partnering and/or donating more VHS tapes for recycling.
- f. CD recycling update—plan trip to facility soon.
- g. Composting Pick up Program--<https://www.citycompost.com/service>-- Deb will get information and share with church and wider community (Town Administrator?) in coming months.

3. Additions to agenda

- a. Metal Recycling—Pat will take over as organizer/ liaison. Deb will give contact info to her.
- b. Interfaith Power and Light—FP supports lobbying efforts. Paul had asked GSC to assume responsibility for annual dues last spring, but will inform Jamie to pay directly. Paul will have Debbie added to email list. Janet will write Green Tip overview of IP&L and its initiatives for this month's *Bridging*.

3. GSC Service Ideas 2019

- a. April 14, 2019--Trees —possible speaker--Nancy Lee Wood, Director of Institute for Sustainability and Post – Carbon Education at Bristol Community College --Carbon restoration from trees –Janet will contact.
KTC Service— continue to Split the Plate to benefit Natural Resources Trust nature camp program
- b. Cranberries (UMass Cranberry Experiment Station—East Wareham speaker)—summer—get date early!

4. Bridging Tip Schedule—by Jan. 20—Janet, by Feb. 20—Pat, by March 20—Deb, by April 20--Ginger

5. Next Meeting—Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet's home (Meetings to be held on second Monday at 7:00 p.m.)

FYI—Janet's sister recommends--The Overstory—book of short stories