

Meeting Notes for 21 May 2017

Attendees: Mary & Robert Armstrong (St. Luke's), Jean & Doug Cheever (Westminster), Jennifer Crow (St. Luke's), Kim Glaser (Resurrection), Rich Henderson (Westminster), Carrie Lohrmann (Holy Trinity), Mary McDermott (Resurrection), Father Jack Paisley (Resurrection), Mary Purdy (St. Luke's), Julia Smith (Westminster), Sharon Speckard (St. John's), R.R.S. Stewart (St. Luke's/UUFD), Terry Stewart (St. Luke's), Linda & Tom Stovall (Westminster), Dave Theis (St. John's), Paul Uzel (Westminster), Jane Worm (First Cong)

Convenor: Tom Stovall

Recorder for this meeting: Paul Uzel

1. Welcome by Tom Stovall of the Westminster Green Team
2. All those attending introduced themselves and the sign in sheet was passed around and was given to RRS Stewart.
3. Paul Uzel agreed to the recording secretary duties.
4. The agenda was agreed upon as sent out by RRS.
5. The April Meeting Minutes were agreed upon as sent out by RRS.
6. The Sustainable Dubuque Grant was approved by the City for \$1,500. There was CONSIDERABLE discussion about the options. RRS obtained info from Plane Art, J&J, and Advanced. It will roughly mean \$600 to \$800 of the \$1,500. Advanced can print bags for 70 cents per bag on bags we provide, single side, single color. The desire to have the bags be made of post-consumer materials using appropriate inks was mentioned, along with the possibility of printing on BOTH sides. The color green was mentioned as a preferable color.

RSS posted on the white board the totals of bags order for the various churches:

St. John's	100 bags
St. Luke's	100 bags
1st Cong.	100 bags
Pres. BVM	100 bags
UUFS	25 bags
Holy Trinity	75 bags
Total	

Additional bags for the Rescue Mission and Farmers' Market 150 bags.

The question about whether there may be funds available from IA IPL to help extend the program was raised, and RSS will check on that.

Individual churches are planning on ways to ask for donations, such as adding a sign by their bags asking for one or two dollars for a donation (cannot post this as a purchase price.) There was also plenty of discussion about what specifically to put on the bag, especially regarding member churches. (To put church logos on would require the logos to be too small.)

A motion was seconded and then amended: to print both sides, with the IA IPL logo and mission statement on one side and a list of the church names on the other. A brief discussion based on the mission statement of IA IPL resulted in an edited

version of it to be printed with the IA IPL logo: “people of faith finding solutions to climate change.”

The question of how we are reimbursed for the costs from the grant funds will be fielded to Cori Burbach by RRS for the next meeting. She will also contact the Main Street people and the Rescue Mission about the bags they are to receive.

The possibility of including brochures was raised, and may be revisited next month.

7. The Summer Sustainability Fair (July 29) committee chair Mary Armstrong reported discussion so far about having a table at the fair with a stand-up backboard with information and brochures about DBQ IA IPL. The committee includes Jane, Craig, Mary Joe and Martha. Brochures which could be handed out include a trifold brochure to be made up (it can be based on the one RSS already has for our last event) about the DBQ IA IPL. Also possible for hand out are city recycling brochures. Having other activities which might engage families more include possibly making milkweed balls, showing how plastic milk jugs or two liter bottles can be used for watering gardens, maybe cut out butterflies, possibly with information on the back, etc. The committee will work more on this for next month’s meeting.

8. Tom celebrated Resurrection Church’s Recognition.

9. An update of our Covenant Congregations list showed 10 currently, with Westminster being the latest (Tom told about how the appointment of their Green Team was well received by the congregation), and with Holy Trinity’s Green Team meeting this coming week. It is expected that they will go through the process soon.

10. The possibility of putting the Green Assessment tool for churches to use online on our website or linking to it was discussed. No more assessments have been done since last month’s report.

11. We currently have had interest expressed by attendance at at least one DBQ IA IPL meeting by 27 different worshipping groups. Ways of listing congregations was discussed: Covenant Congregations, Congregations in Process, Churches which have Green Teams, Churches that have done Assessments.

12. Holy Trinity reported that their Green team is meeting this week. They have also put in a new patio for outdoor activity and are working on their entry area, including Green concepts.

Westminster reported that, in addition to the installation of their Green Team during worship, their church garden has been doubled, which means that they may be able to double or more than double the 571 pounds of food donated last year. They are also adding a vertical element for tomatos, etc. The garden is on the Dubuque Master Garden tour coming up June 24. WPC is holding adult classes this summer after worship at 10:45am. One of those is eight weeks and led by the pastor Hal Murry. The other is two weeks, dedicated to the film “Bag It.” At the installation of the Green Team a questionnaire in the bulletin asking what people want and need to know about being green. People completing the questionnaire turned them in and received a bag. If they wished, they could contribute \$2. They now have recycling bags out for use in the church.

St. Luke’s is into their second summer of the wading pool garden project. There are many who are moving from wading pool gardens to in ground pools. They have obtained five new pools for use at the mission greenhouse. They make plants

available through vouchers for plants, seeds, tools, soil, etc. They are also putting in plantings about and outside the church which are edible and fruit bearing.

In a conversation about recyclables (in particular, how to help people know how and where to recycle material), Rich Henderson mentioned that perhaps we could prevail on the city to use glass in road surfacing. Once upon a time the Boy Scout Troop 11 at Westminster did recycling big time, eventually doing glass. We also talked about the talk about town of the Dubuque Area Recycling Network (DARN) becoming active again. The Key City Creative Center is being set up and may be a resource.

Paul U. volunteered to research PETAL and other possible recycling opportunities and report back next month. We would like to put together a brochure which might list difficult to recycle materials, such as the variety of batteries, light bulbs (Lowes takes fluorescents, CFL, etc. Everyone was asked to send what they know to Paul (uzeldansen@gmail.com.)

13. Our host next month, June 11, is Church of the Resurrection. St. John's volunteered for August.

Congregations represented by attendees to at least one IIPL Dub Chapter meeting since May 2016 or the Green Team Training (dates state when congregational covenant was done)

* = Green Assessments :

Anawim Community

Church of the Resurrection (October 2016)

Dubuque Area Congregations United (December 2016)

Dubuque Friends Worship Group

First Congregational United Church of Christ (October 2016)*

Gloria Dei,

Grandview United Methodist,

GreenIowa Americrop

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (in process)

Holy Spirit Parish,

Hope Church,

Journey Assembly,

Saint Anthony,

Saint John's Lutheran Church, (October 2016)*

Saint Luke's Methodist Church (November 2016)*

Saint Joseph the Worker,

Saint Joseph Key West,

Saint Michael's Wheaton (Sisters of Saint Francis in Wheaton, Illinois)

Saint Raphael Cathedral,

Sinsinawa Dominicans

Sisters of Christian Charity,

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (November 2016)

Sisters of Saint Francis (November 2016)

Shalom Spirituality Center
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque,
Wahlert Catholic High School
Westminster Presbyterian Church (March 2017)

2017 Meeting Sign-up

Date	Location	Contact
11 June	Resurrection	Mary McDermott & Kim Glaser
9 July	First Congregational	Jane Worm
13 August	St. John's Lutheran	Sharon Speckard & Dave Theis
10 September	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Carrie Lohrmann
8 October	Westminster Presbyterian	Tom Stovall
12 November		
10 December	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Carrie Lohrmann