

**IOWA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT – DUBUQUE CHAPTER MEETING notes**  
**Sunday, 15 October 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Convener: Tom Stovall, Recorder: R.R.S. Stewart

Attendees: Mary Armstrong (St. Luke's), Robert Armstrong (St. Luke's), Doug Cheever (Westminster), Mary Martha Donnelly (Presentation), Kim Glaser (Resurrection), Rich Henderson (Westminster), Carrie Lohrmann (Holy Trinity Lutheran), Mary Jo McDermott (Resurrection), Paul Schultz (Anawin), Julia Smith (Westminster), Sharon Speckard (St. John's), R.R.S. Stewart (St. Luke's/ UUFD), Terry Stewart (St. Luke's), Linda Stovall (Westminster), Tom Stovall (Westminster), Dave Theis (St. John's), Paul Uzel (Westminster), Jane Worm (First Cong)

1. Tom welcomed us to Westminster.
2. Introductions made
3. R.R.S. corrected time of Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waster Agency on agenda - it will be at 3pm on Monday 13 November, not 3:30pm
4. Reviewed and approved September meeting minutes with correction to point 7 = "Attendees will be asked to list their name" not "Attendees will be asked to lust their name."
5. Update on reusable bag distribution - UUFD has distributed all 25 of their bags. St. Luke's is using half (40 bags) in their food ministry and are distributing 40 bags to congregation for a suggested donation of \$4. About 30 out of 40 bags have been distributed and about \$114 collected so far. St. John's has been distributed about 70 of their 80 bags. Holy Trinity is voting on being a covenant congregation and distributing their 80 bags as part of the conversation - have distributed about ¼ so far. Resurrection is using the 25 bags they got for their food ministry. Paul Schultz reported on the Green Dubuque table at the City Expo on 14 September, where IIPL information was on display.
- 6 Update on James Martin Schram event - his fee was \$250. Sisters of the Presentation will contribute \$125 and Dubuque Chapter congregations (collectively) will each contribute \$125 (or \$10 each). Contributions: \$10 - First Congregation, \$10 St. John's Lutheran, \$10 St. Luke's, \$25 St. Francis, \$25 First Presbyterian, \$10 Holy Trinity (\$90 collected so far). This money goes to Sisters of the Presentation.
- Tom Stovall has agreed to act as our interim Treasurer until we do elections at our annual meeting in January. Tom will transfer \$19 received as a goodwill offering for the Dubuque Chapter to IIPL to be used for Dubuque events.
7. Paul Schultz distributed a list of websites with places to recycle difficult to recycle materials and distributed information on DAR3N. Black plastic is sorted out and thrown away. Dubuque Glass will take colored glass to make counter-tops. Dubuque Rescue Garden will take them for plant flats. Doug Cheever presented on food scrap recycling. Businesses (including churches) can get 48 or 60 gallon size containers picked up the same day as trash and recycling.
8. The Good Life Redefined is February 18, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM at Sisters of the Presentation. Registration is now open on the IIPL website. Normally IIPL charges \$20/person to attend. \$1,000 sponsorship received from Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). Each congregation is also

asked to donate \$50 to \$150 for another \$1,000 from the chapter member congregations by December 31, 2017.

9. Kim asked when Covenant Congregation renewals are due - one year from you started your assessment. The list is included in the IPL response to the six-month assessment. Look at your renewal date and do one of the things on the covenant sheet annually. R.R.S. will resent the covenant sheet with the next meeting notice.

St. John's got a \$250 grant from Thrive to "put the LED in". They have established a moratorium that six months from now there will be no more fluorescent light bulbs in the church.

Holy Trinity's Green Team has met regularly since the spring. The Church is recycling now and the next step will be composting.

Westminster is now up to 1,631 pounds of produce out of the church garden. All of that has gone to local food pantries. They will do a public showing of "Bag It" on Sunday 5 November at 2pm at Westminster. Flyer was sent as an attachment for this week's meeting - please print out and put on your Church Bulletin boards and into Church Bulletins and Newsletters.

10. Next month - tour of Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency on Monday November 13th at 3pm. The next chapter meeting will be on Sunday 10 December at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with Carrie Lohrmann as the convener. Paul was going to look into a tour of Dittmer Recycling tour.

11. IPL sent their response to our six-month chapter self-assessment. The deadline to enter the national Cool Congregations Challenge is Dec. 15. The winner receives \$1,000. Local congregations are encouraged to enter a specific project.

12. December's agenda will include reviewing our long-term goals, deciding which ones we want to carry over to 2018 and which ones we need to rewrite or replace.

#### 2017-18 hosting schedule:

12 November	replaced by DMASWA tour on 13 November at 3pm	
10 December	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Carrie Lohrmann
14 January	St. Luke's Methodist	Mary Armstrong
18 February	The Good Life Redefined	2-4pm, Sisters of the Presentation
11 March		
8 April	Resurrection	Mary McDermott & Kim Glaser
20 May		
24 June		
22 July		
19 August		
16 September		
14 October		
11 November		
9 December		