

**Iowa Interfaith Power and Light—Dubuque Chapter Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2017, 3:00-4:30 P.M.**  
**Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Road**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Mary & Robert Armstrong (St. Luke's), Judy Giesen (Resurrection), Kim Glaser (Resurrection), Carrie Lohrmann (Holy Trinity), Mary Jo McDermott (Resurrection), Father Jack Paisley (Resurrection), Julia Smith (Westminster), Sharon Speckard (St. John's), Linda & Tom Stovall (Westminster)

**Convenors for this meeting:** Judy Giesen, Kim Glaser, Mary Jo McDermott and Father Jack Paisley

**Recorder for this meeting:** Paul Uzel

1. Judy Geissen welcomed us to Resurrection Church.
2. The Agenda was sent out by RRS Stewart and received by all.
3. Paul Uzel agreed to the recording secretary duties.
4. Carrie Lohrmann let us know about an initiative the City is making called 'the Good Neighbor Iowa' program. It deals with the issues of turf grass management and how chemicals applied can affect the environment. The possibility exists that we might be helpful, and we will talk with Cori Burbach about it.
5. Carrie also mentioned the possibility of drawing together items nine through eleven of the agenda (Covenant Congregations Update, Green Assessments by Congregations Update, Participating Congregations Update). We will look at this when we get to this point in the meeting.
6. At this point, we discovered we were already up to the review of last month's minutes, which were appreciated by all, with thanks to RRS for the work. Carrie suggested that we leave out of the minutes the list of all the congregations. That list is part of the report she has for items nine through eleven. The minutes were accepted informally.
7. Judy backtracked us back to introductions, which we did all around. All had signed on the attendance list as well. We celebrated Father Jack's 55th anniversary of ministry.
8. Tote bags : Carrie reported that the committee that put the grant together hasn't met since. That committee consisted of Paul S., Craig R. and Barb R. It wasn't their mandate to enact the grant, so we need to assemble a committee to do that. After discussion, Carrie, along with Linda S. and Kim G. agreed to be the core of a committee to implement the grant. They will also ask the original three to join them. We discussed a number of issues discussed last month, including the freedom of accepting free will donations for use in expanding DBQ IA IPL's bag program, using denim jean material to make bags, making 'boomerang bags', etc. The committee will report next month.
9. Sustainability Fair: Our committee on this is Mary A., Craig, Mary Jo McD. Martha and Jane. We are thinking of a booth there with IIPL brochures, information on green teams, environmental assessments, IIPL programs and congregational

covenant commitments. We talked about having some activities for families and children. We talked about the milkweed balls, and also raised the possibilities of doing some activities in anticipation of the Good Neighbor Iowa program, such as studying a square foot of sod with soil and a sample of living pond and 'dead' polluted water, with magnifiers. Linda talked about bringing monarch handouts, coloring pages, diagrams of monarch lifestyles, a handout on prayer for greenness. Judy Giesen will bring handouts as well. We would be well advised to bring our own chairs and tables. Julia S. will check with a friend at Swiss Valley. Paul U. will talk with her as well about the plans.

10. Petal project report by Paul U. moved to next month. As a reminder, last month 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 (Lowe's takes fluorescents, CFL, etc. Everyone was asked to send what they know to Paul (uzeldansen@gmail.com.)

11. We have seven covenant congregations enrolled. Carrie presented a print of Excel material detailing the various connections we have made. This is available from her digitally and print copies were handed out. The material does a good job of presenting agenda items nine through eleven.

12. Other outreach possibilities were mentioned, including use of Pechachuka, individual DBQ IA IPL members taking responsibility for contacting potential churches and/or individuals to do outreach, working with the Circles initiative and food pantries and kid feeding centers and community gardens in churches. Carrie will talk with Andrea Helgager, and report back. Use of the DACU newsletter done by Phyllis Garfield and a UD professor Sue Hattel was mentioned. The newsletter produced by Father Dustin for the Ministerium is another possibility which Paul U. and Father Jack could check out.

13. On the agenda next month will be the presentation about the Good Neighbor program for which Mary Jo will arrange with Cori Burbach and preparing for the Sustainability Fair. We also talked about future programming and decided for this fall on James Martin Schram, with whom Barb R. has had contact, and The Good Life Redefined for our 1st anniversary celebration in February. Tom S. will contact Sarah at IIPL. Paul U. will contact Diane Entringer about programming as well. The February program decision was done through a Motion, which was Seconded and after discussion Adopted.

14. We also mentioned the 'From the Ashes' about coal being shown at the Shalom Retreat Center on June 20 at 6:30pm (also World Refugee Day, assembly on Washington Park at 5:30pm.) Maybe we could expand the opportunities to view the film. Lastly we also talked about repeating some of the earlier presentations like 'Cool Congregations' for some of the newer churches.

15. We dismissed shortly after 4:30, our target time.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 9, 2017, 3:00-4:30 P.M.

Hosted by First Congregational United Church of Christ, 255 W. 10th St.

Convener: Jane Worm

**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		
8 October	Westminster Presbyterian	Tom Stovall
12 November		
10 December	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Carrie Lohrmann