

## **IOWA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT – DUBUQUE CHAPTER MEETING**

**Sunday, July 9, 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**First Congregational UCC, 10th and Locust Street**

### **Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Mary Armstrong (St. Luke's), Robert Armstrong (St. Luke's), Doug Cheever (Westminster), Samatha Conner (Green Iowa), Kim Glaser (Resurrection), Joan Lickteig (Presentation), Mary Jo McDermott (Resurrection), Craig Reber (UUFD), Barb Ressler (Presentation), Julia Smith (Westminster), R.R.S. Stewart (St. Luke's / UUFD), Terry Stewart (St. Luke's), Dave Theis (St. John's Lutheran/DDCO), Paul Uzel (Westminster), Jane Worm (First Congregational)

**Convenor for this meeting:** Jane Worm

**Recorder for this meeting:** Mary Jo McDermott

The meeting was called to order by Jane Worm, convenor at 3:10PM.

Mary Jo McDermott appointed as recorder.

There were no minutes from the June meeting to review. This will be addressed at the August meeting. Agenda approved with the addition of discussion regarding speaker James Martin Schram.

### **Update on Sustainable Dubuque Grant for Reusable Bags**

The reusable bag committee met at the end of June and flyers to be distributed with the bags were finalized and copies distributed for review. A total of 600 bags will be ordered this week and will be of a bright green with straps sewn on the inside to allow more print area on the outside of the bag. The goal is to use 20 percent post-consumer content. The bag committee has opted to order bags from Envision with JMJ as the second choice if Envisions is unable to fill our order. R.R.S. Stewart is in charge of placing the order. A "soft" delivery date is the end of July with hopes that some bags will be available by July 29th for the Sustainability Fair. Bags will definitely be available by the August meeting for distribution to the ordering congregations, the Farmer's Market and Rescue Mission.

The Sustainable Dubuque grant cover the cost of the bags and it is our understanding that Cori Burbach will pay the invoice. It is anticipated that \$1350 will be paid once the bags are obtained and the remaining \$150 will be paid once evaluations of the project are completed. Individual congregations can ask for a free will donation for the bags with proceeds to go toward purchase of additional bags for further distribution. Eventually, some bags may be made available to area businesses but it will be easier to facilitate this if we have the bags available businesses to see. Dave Theis from St. John's Lutheran reported that their "Open Closet" program served 700 people last week and he wanted the group to know that once bags are distributed to congregation members, he planned to make any remaining bags available to the marginalized people they serve. Discussion followed about distribution of bags to congregations that only want a few. Details can be

worked out between participating congregations once the bags are delivered, but these are the suggested numbers:

St. John's	80 bags	St. Luke's	80 bags
1st Cong.	80 bags	Pres. BVM	80 bags
UUFS	25 bags	Holy Trinity	80 bags
Resurrection	25 bags	Westminster	20 bags
Rescue Mission (40 bags each store)			
Farmers' Market 50 bags			
= 600 total			

**Summer Sustainability Fair** 29 July from 11am to 3pm.

Samantha Conner from Green America gave a brief description and distributed handouts about the July 29th Sustainability Fair they are hosting with the Dubuque Rescue Mission. The displays, handouts, and activities put together by Mary Armstrong were reviewed. Since the event will be on a Saturday, participants may need to be prepared for metered parking, unless The Julien will allow some parking in their lot. Julie Smith, Jane Worm, Mary Jo McDermott, Paul Uzel and Martha Donnelly will be representing the Dubuque Chapter of IIPL with handouts, displays, and activities. Craig Reber had also volunteered in April.

**Other discussion:**

Cori Burbach was not available to discuss the Good Neighbor program but is scheduled for the August meeting.

**Congregational Covenants:**

Church of the Resurrection, October 2016  
Dubuque Area Congregations United, December 216  
First Congregational United Church of Christ, October 2016  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in process  
Saint John's Lutheran Church, October 2016  
Saint Luke's Methodist Church, November/December 2016  
Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, November 2016  
Sisters of Saint Francis, November 2016  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Have sent form & Check (March 2017)

**Green Assessments:**

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Saint John's Lutheran Church  
Saint Luke's Methodist Church  
Resurrection is hoping to reschedule an updated Green Assessment in the fall.

**Check in on Green Team activity**

Resurrection's Fall Festival is scheduled in August and will report on their recycling efforts in September.  
St. Luke's Methodist - Continue to work on new and edible landscaping. Mary Armstrong voiced concern about ways to keep congregations engaged in green team

efforts and is hoping to discuss this further after current projects have been completed. Terry Stewart just completed a service trip to Tennessee and discovered there they recycle plastics and glass, but not paper or other possible recyclables. It appears that recycling efforts are handled differently depending on locality. He also asked about the possibility of hosting more public documentaries that address sustainability, recycling, etc. possibly at the Mindframe Theatre.

St. John's Lutheran - Also working on new landscaping on their grounds, some of which is edible. Will be hosting next month's meeting.

Westminster - So far this summer, have donated over 100 pounds of fresh vegetables. Their reusable bag project is still in progress and they have distributed a survey with the bags to identify sustainable issues that would be meaningful to their church members going forward

Presentation Sisters - Barb Ressler has contacted James Martin Schram who does presentations on "joyful stewardship and gospel values." Tentative dates for his talk would be September 24, October 8 and possibly October 15 at the Presentation Sisters Convent. Cost of the program would be \$250 and the Presentation Sisters have agreed to pay \$125 if the other IPL congregations would agree to pay the other half. Consensus of the group is to pursue this to satisfy one of our chapter goals for 2017. Barb will finalize these plans and report back to the group. The presentation would be available free of charge and open to the public.

### **Hosting schedule**

Our next meeting will be at St. John's Lutheran on August 13th. The September meeting was previously scheduled for Holy Trinity with Carrie Lohrmann as convener, but she is unavailable and previously communicated by e-mail that they will not be hosting the September meeting. October will be at Westminster.

### **Next month's agenda**

Paul Uzell indicated that Paul Schultz, who is active with Green Dubuque, is working to organize a non-governmental coalition of community groups to work with the city on issues of reuse, recycle and repurposing. He will be asking the Dubuque Chapter of IPL to consider being a part of this group. Suggested agenda:

1. Welcome by Convener
2. Introductions, Attendance Registration, Appoint Recorder
3. Approve meeting agenda
4. Review and Approval of June & July meeting minutes
5. Cori Burbach -- Good Neighbors program
6. Update on Sustainable Dubuque Grant for Reusable Bags
7. Report on Summer Sustainability Fair
8. Update on James Martin Schram event
9. Paul U. volunteered to research PETAL and other possible recycling opportunities. 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. Send what you know to Paul (uzeldansen@gmail.com.)
10. Covenant Congregations & Green Assessments Updates
11. Congregation Reports

12. Hosting schedule
13. Next month's agenda
14. Any other items

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM  
Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo McDermott.

**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
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