

IOWA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT – DUBUQUE CHAPTER MEETING
Sunday, 10 September 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque

Convener & Recorder: Craig Reber, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque

Other attendees: Barb Ressler, Presentation BVM; Mary and Robert Armstrong, St. Luke's UMC; Tom and Linda Stovall, Westminster Pres.; Jane Worm, 1st Cong.; Mary Jo McDermott, Resurrection Cath.; Sue Hattel, St. Luke's; Sharon Speckhard, St. John Lutheran; Paul Uzel, Pres. minister.

1. Craig welcomed us to UUFD.
2. Introductions made
3. Approved meeting agenda
4. Reviewed and approved August meeting minutes
5. Update on Sustainable Dubuque grant & reusable bag distribution. Consensus was the bags are nice, attractive and functional. Individuals are encouraged to use them, and diminish usage of plastic bags. Donations (\$2) are encouraged, and collected money will be given to interim treasurer Tom Stovall. The funds will be used toward the future orders of bags.
6. City Expo, Sept. 14. A 1- page flyer describing IIP&L Dubuque Chapter was available. Post discussion consensus was IIP&L Dubuque and Green Dubuque share similar ideals for waste reduction, energy savings and reduction of herbicides.
7. Update on James Martin Schram event, Sept. 24 at Presentation BVM. Mount Loretto Sisters and Dubuque Chapter congregations (collectively) will each contribute \$125. for the \$250 stipend. Each member congregation contributes \$10. Much planning is required to ensure the event is successful. Attendance is projected at 100 individuals. Attendees will be asked to list their name, affiliation, email and phone.
8. Paul U. led a discussion of dispersal of difficult to recycle materials. A 3-person subcommittee was recommended to discuss the issue. That includes a visit to the landfill for an educational/informational tour, most likely in November.
9. Review of 6-month assessment of IIP&L Dubuque Chapter and Iowa IPL. "No news is good news," said Sharon on info send to Sarah Poulos of Iowa IPL for feedback. "We've done quite well," she added. 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.
10. Covenant congregations, Green Assessments updates and congregation reports. Sharon: St. John has a new custodian who is undertaking new environmental projects. Westminster is busy, having displayed a Green Team table for new members; distributed more than 300 green grocery tote bags; and, planning is underway to show the popular "Bag It" movie. 1st Congregational is replacing light bulbs with environmentally friendly ones, and making restrooms ADA accessible. At Resurrection Catholic's Aug. 20 parish festival, 3,000 pounds of trash was collected. 2,000 pounds was composted, 770 recycled, and only 230 was taken to the landfill.
11. Tom discussed sponsorship of the movie, "The Good Life Redefined" tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18, 2018. Individual and participating faith congregations cost will be a topic of future assessment and discussion.
12. Next meeting is Oct. 8 at Westminster Presbyterian.

Submitted by Craig Reber