

IOWA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT – DUBUQUE CHAPTER MEETING
Sunday, 10 December 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Convener: Carrie Lohrmann

Attendees: Mary Armstrong (St. Luke's), Robert Armstrong (St. Luke's), Kim Glaser (Resurrection), Carrie Lohrmann (Holy Trinity Lutheran), Mary Jo McDermott (Resurrection), Mary Purdy (St. Luke's), Tony Quinn (Holy Trinity Lutheran), R.R.S. Stewart (St. Luke's/ UUFD), Terry Stewart (St. Luke's), Linda Stovall (Westminster), Tom Stovall (Westminster), Wes Struebing (St. John's), Paul Uzel (Westminster), Jane Worm (First Cong).

1. Carrie welcomed us to Holy Trinity Lutheran. R.R.S. will take minutes.
2. Introductions made. Meeting agenda approved
3. Correction to October meeting notes - Westminster produced 1,631 pounds.
Clarification - We agreed at last meeting to have a Dubuque Chapter account within Westminster.

4. James Martin Schramm reimbursements

\$10.00 St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1199 Main St., Dubuque IA 52001

\$25.00 Sisters of the St. Francis, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque IA 52001

\$10.00 First Congregational U.C.C, 255 W. Tenth St., Dubuque IA 52001

\$10.00 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1276 White St., Dubuque IA 52001

\$25.00 Westminster Presbyterian M.T./L.M. Stovall, 3345 Tibey Ct., Dubuque IA 52002

\$10.00 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

\$10.00 Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury Rd., Dubuque IA 52002

Total \$100.00. Schramm's fee was \$250. Sisters of the Presentation covered \$125 and the member congregations were asked to cover the other \$125. Additional \$25 approved to be sent to Presentation from the Dubuque Chapter account to finish covering our half.

5. The Good Life Redefined, 18 February 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM at Sisters of the Presentation

Registration is now open on the IIPL website

Here are the sponsorship commitments we have received to date (12/4/17) totaling \$1,567.00:

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) \$1,000

First Congregational UCC Church \$200

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church \$100

St. Luke's United Methodist Church \$67

Westminster Presbyterian Church \$200

6. Covenant Congregations & Renewal Dates: Carrie & Paul asked "Do we want to do some local recognition when congregations renew their covenants?" Suggestions were to provide a certificate or to have a chapter member from outside the congregation come to a church service or meeting and say "thank you" on behalf of the congregation.

7. Our 2017 goals: Annual speaker, Good Life Redefined, Sharing Green Assessment, Plastic Bags, Partners, Chapter Organization (monthly meetings, task forces/subcommittees, outreach). Mary A. suggested a goal for 2018 - every congregation should do the Green Assessment. She also suggested partnering with Trees forever to hand out trees. Bev Wagner mentioned the preliminary results of the landfill assessment during the DMASWA the Dubuque Chapter took in November. Mary A. thought of Mayor Buol's speech during the Green Team Training in February - be visible. Mary P. mentioned Craig Reber writing an article about hunger in Dubuque. Mary Jo mentioned talking to a solar group at the Sustainability Fair in October and having them come talk. Mary P. would like to see sharing local information of where stuff can be recycled. Terry mentioned 30 years ago all the Elm trees died from Dutch Elm disease and now the Ash trees are dying from Emerald Ash Borer. Could all the congregations make and share Milk weed balls? Paul wants to see good entry level projects like cool congregations. He has taken up a part-time pastorate and will have to attend less. Paul signed up for Terracycle that will send a box for \$45 for anything you can't recycle. Zero waste is in the city plan. Paul sent out feelers to Loras, Clarke and UD. Anastasia responded from Loras and hoped to get him to come to a meeting sometime. Schramm is willing to come back and talk to these schools. Carrie reorganized into general goals we can carry over:

1. Hosting an annual event and/or speaker.
2. Continually educating our local congregations.
3. Integrating Youth and intergenerational Green Activities into our congregations.
4. Sharing Resources, Stories & Best Practices.
5. Conducting Outreach, Special Projects & Advocacy.
6. Creating Community Partnerships.

Should we have small groups? Mary A. and Mary P. think small groups form spontaneously as needed. Organizational Discussion - continue having monthly meetings.

8. January agenda (start at 3:30 to avoid MLK event) - Deciding on & electing officers
Debrief Bag It showing (other congregations can check it out from Westminster) & DMASWA Visit
Action steps for goals.

Congregation Reports

Forming a subcommittee to create a list of resources.

Performance Measures (on Sustainable Dubuque grant application) - Cori recommended making changes to these and they should better align with the actual grant roll out plan. This is what the bag subcommittee came up with this summer: How often are bags used by congregation members and what impact is this having in our community?

Ask for report from congregation Green Teams about what they did in their congregation / team with the campaign - e.g. had a display table, distributed X bags, talked with Y # of people, passed out education materials? Donations received for bags or other efforts? What advertising was used to promote campaign? Discussion of no plastic bags policy or new policy? How it helped reinforce existing practices or provide new information? Did any Green Teams do a spin off project involving church groups? Youth? Preaching? Events? How did having the bag campaign there promote further effort or other green efforts?