

DRAFT – to be approved at March meeting

Attending: Gary Smith (Chair), Geri Bowen , Heather Burkhardt, Sam Johnson , Paul Kiel, Marty Lamb, John Little, Jane Smith, Skip Stoddard, Edith Sylla

Excused: Steve Halsted

Absent: Grady McCallie, Sue Rogge, Jim Smith

General Notes

Next meeting: Thursday, Mar. 27, 7 pm, Bradow room

TO DO:

ALL respond to Gary on your availability.

Project: All generation Vacation Bible School 2008

Coordinator: Children's Religious Education Committee with JCC

Dates: in process

Notes: Heather Burkhardt wondered if the JCC would be interested in working with the children's program on developing a nature care-centered VBS for the whole congregation. The JCC was enthusiastic.

Suggestions:

A weekend event with discrete sessions so people can opt-in as available and interested. Culminate in worship service which might serve as a one-year "We're celebrating..." event, as discussed at Jan. 2008 JCC meeting.

Possible focus on one area of nature care: water conservation?, waste reduction?

Possible activities:

Night walk featuring owls

Dumpster dive (sort our trash)

Nature outings

Clean a nature spot

Certify CUCC grounds as nature area

Work on CUCC audit projects

Install recycling receptacles at CUCC and sign up people to empty them

Service project for non-profit group

Visit a farm or farmers market

Use a calendar of tasks as for OGHS (in preparation or over the weekend or after the weekend)

Share a meal (locally grown foods?)

"Field trip" including getting there by public transit

Use greener transport (walk, bike, public transit, carpool) to attend the event

Learn and sing nature-care songs

Youth-made PSA's on nature-care videotaped and played during weekend

Justice issue letter writing activity

Eco-cleaning product session

TO DO:

HEATHER will consult with the Children's Religious Education Committee on March 12, reporting on JCC suggestions, to see if this idea is still of interest to them. CREC will propose dates, format.

Project: Caring for Creation luncheon

Representative: John Little stood in for Steve Halsted

Dates: completed

Notes: John reported on this gathering of about 20 local clergy who meet monthly; Steve attends regularly. John spoke on happenings at CUCC. He has followed up asking Alice Loyd (NC IP&L) to forward a letter to participants thanking them for welcoming him and inquiring whether their "green leadership" would be interested in attending a joint meeting. NC IP&L does not distribute contact list for the group; Steve is an alternative source for contacts.

Project: CUCC buildings energy audit to identify ways CUCC can be a better environmental steward

Coordinator: Paul Kiel (Property) working with Property

Dates: in process

Notes: Paul completed the youth room door and weatherstripping; Šánti reports a dramatic improvement. Property discussions are ongoing about best way to handle sanctuary attic; divided on whether to keep open the option of cooling with the attic fan. Work on replacing the narthex doors (major energy loss due to sticking) is in progress.

TO DO:

PAUL will contact Kurk Brewington for estimate on installing insulation in attic.

Project: Education

NOTES: *Offerings.*

- * In the bleak midwinter: Wildly successful; concluded. First monthly noon to 12:15 check-ins scheduled. Reunion scheduled for Sept. 21.
- * How to Be Able to Talk with Confidence about Climate Change: First week concluded.

Paul suggested we compile an annotated web resources list that is categorized and includes a one sentence description of content. This list would then be posted and could be augmented by members (a wiki?).

Marty suggests we continue to inform Mark Ginsberg of events/resources open to the public.

TO DO:

MARTY will work on summary document to put on web with websites we identified in group related to our home reduction of carbon footprints, maybe develop entry for Mark Ginsberg's newsletter as well.

MARTY will circulate link to United Church of Chapel Hill's household hints list.
PAUL will post on web Gary's slides from session 1 of science series.

Project: Transportation working group

Coordinator: Paul Kiel
Dates: on hiatus

Notes:

Paul's inquiry of interest about transportation activities got only two responses. He will continue to work on this personally. The congregation effort will go on hiatus with the VBS event providing opportunities to get people on public transit and perhaps raise interest through experience. Also, we could plan a trip to worship with UC-CH, arriving en masse by bus.

Project: Weatherization of Epiphany House

Coordinator: Jane Smith (logistics) and Ron Howell and Paul Kiel (technical)
Date: in process

Notes: Phone tag!

TO DO:

RON will schedule a site visit (Paul assisting) to see if there are weatherization projects which CUCC could handle.

JANE will contact CUCC members who expressed interest in hands-on work via the surveys and ESP once a project as been determined.

Project: Celebrating + building network Potluck

Coordinator: JCC SC
Date: Sunday, April 13, dinner time

Notes: Group clarified that this gathering is for the green leadership of congregations to plan for a future event when all members would be welcome.

TO DO:

GERI will report to COM that JCC will not be handling April 13 potluck; go ahead with OGHS celebration.

GRADY will draft an invitation to the other congregations.

SKIP will send the invitation to his contacts at Highland UM and Chuck Roe at Moravian.

GARY will send the invitation to other congregations (includes UC-CH, St. Francis of Assisi RC, Church of the Nativity E.).

STEVE AND JOHN will provide names from Caring for Creation group.

MARTY will provide contact name at Binkley Baptist.

ALL will give Gary names of contacts they know in other congregations.

Project: JCC page on CUCC web site

Coordinator: Jane Smith

Date: asap

Notes: Group photo taken.

TO DO:

ALL will review Jane's proposed changes and "red pencil." Please: **BY Mar. 9**

Project: Eco Fair

Coordinator:

Date:

Notes: Social Justice Ministry proposed using template from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church to hold an Eco Fair (analogous to Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts). Some concern was raised that this might be too much for the JCC to undertake given other commitments.

TO DO:

GERI will discuss status of MMG at March Community Outreach Ministry meeting.

Project: RICH Park low flow device installation

Coordinator: Jane Smith

Date: closed

Notes: Geri reported that Peg Hulslander learned that low flow shower heads have already been installed. Project not needed.