

Meeting Notes, 11/18/12
First United Methodist Church
Natural Step Ministry Team

Attendees: Corrine, Marian, Bonnie, Valerie, Rebecca

Garden Project and Grant: Corrine did an update on our progress, boards are cut and we had a “sanding” party at her home yesterday. Discussion ensued about whether we will use one single stain color or remnants given and from Habitat Re-Store. Stain is fairly expensive to buy. She has a large bill from Dave Straub re: the watering system, it was a larger job than first envisioned. It was agreed that we should go ahead and apply for the garden grant this year, as we will continue to have expenses as we go forward.

Football parking: The last of our “cooperative” football parking will be Sat. December 1, under the Sacred Landscaping umbrella. We are hoping to have some information coming from them soon on whether they need assistance with this.

Single Board Governance: Bonnie did a nutshell introduction to the Single Board Governance of a Church Council and we talked about how and if that would impact our Ministry Team. It might make it easier for us as a team to communicate with the whole church administration. A visioning statement for the church will be coming in the Jan/Feb. timeframe. She also spoke about having the Natural Step co-chaired with Marge to lighten the load and provide for future transition.

Alternative Christmas Gifting Program: The Alternative Christmas Gifting Program will begin next Sunday. There will be a local, national, and ?? agencies to donate to. The APJ team will be sponsoring an UMCOR effort to assist recent hurricane/storm victims. (These efforts by UMCOR can last 3-5 years to assist people affected by these catastrophes).

Next meeting: No meeting for December, we are looking at the third Sunday of January for our next meeting.