

Minutes Natural Step Ministry Team/Environmental Care Team

Sunday, October 16, 2016 11:30 – 1:20 p.m. Room 106b (Round Table Room)

Attending: Robin Comforto, Rebecca Marti, Karen Bloom, Marge Stevens, Valerie White, Marian Veley, Ann Bateman, Barbara Nixon, Helen VanNice, Leslie Chartier, Corinne Butzin

Absent members, send minutes to: LoErna Simpson, Bev Park, Sara Power, Kris Graves, Matt Gregory (FUMC web master)

Opening – Pastor Barbara

Newsletter articles need to be written about: Edible Garden Project, Fruit Picking Project, Jammin for the Hungry, Water Bottles

Edible Garden Project – Karen – harvest of 131 lbs of produce so far this year including outside garden donations. Crops included kale, broccoli, beans, chard, garlic, clover cover. Expenses – worms, sign board.

2017 Budget – Robin is putting the budget proposal together

Facilities– Robin and Marge are planning to attend Facilities team meetings. Robin will contact Energy Trust of Oregon about another energy audit. Mention was made of light bulbs in the back of the sanctuary which are too bright and hanging down.

Water bottle project – Rebecca reported as of October 9 we have sold 15 bottles for income of \$225. The cost of 72 bottles was \$598.42 for 72 bottles or \$8.31 each. We are charging \$15 to cover costs of bottles that are given to new members.

Football Parking – upcoming dates include. You may see emails seeking coverage of shifts.

Oct. 29, Washington State- Marge

Nov. 19, Arizona- Bill and Lena

Nov. 26, Oregon- LoErna

Report back from Sustainability Coalition Quarterly Meeting – Marge attended. Of special interest was information presented by Methodist affiliates April and Craig Hall-Cutting on their Wild Yeast Bakery.

Dakota Access Pipeline activities – Valerie reported. Methodist church connection includes the Act of Repentance for Native Americans. This is an issue that includes Human Rights team, as well. Contributions of warm clothing can be made to the Native American Longhouse at OSU.

Alternate Christmas – water bottles, Energy Wise Habitat project are recommended

Earth Day 2017 – Robin proposes doing another program on the importance of eating habits for the health of the planet. She got ideas from the group and will begin planning. If you're interested in working with Robin, contact her.

Closing - Karen

Next meeting: December 11 at noon, Round Table Room 106b.

Upcoming events:

TBA - Litter Pick Up on our section of Highway - with Scottie and the youth

October 18 – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon event

December 3 - Saturday, from 12-3 Community Family Clothing Swap - Community Center

December 11 - Sunday from 12 - 1:30 p.m., Room 106b (Round Table Room) - Natural Step/Environmental Care Ministry Team meeting