

Minutes Natural Step Ministry Team/Environmental Care Team

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

Attending: Rebecca Marti, Marge Stevens, Valerie White, Ann Bateman, Barbara Nixon, Leslie Chartier,

Absent members, send minutes to: LoErna Simpson, Robin Comforto, Karen Bloom, Marian Veley, Helen VanNice, Corinne Butzin, Bev Park, Sara Power, Kris Graves, Matt Gregory (FUMC web master)

Opening – Pastor Barbara

Edible Garden Project – Karen – new crops will be planted next season

Property Ministry – liaison and energy audit – Robin – team has met once, meets again next week at 6:30 on Tuesday

Alternate Christmas and Water bottle sales – Rebecca reported 17 have been sold, 21 have been given away to new members. Linda will take 2-3 to sell in the church store. We could feature them for **Earth Day Sunday**.

Discussion on concept of a “Green Award” – by recognizing people who are champions of environmental care, we can keep this information visible. Suggestion to present an award for changes in landscaping practices to Dave Straub and Bill Proebsting. With a certificate and article in the newsletter. This needs a leader and/or team to follow up with.

Ongoing projects: (needs volunteers to carry out)

- **Christmas Parade** – we need bigger signs (Bev?), one car to hold spot in line;
- **Signage** in buildings for visiting groups like Clothing Swap – tenets – big version;
- MidMarch write April newsletter or constant comment **articles** about water bottles, Earth Day events LBCC, CEC, OSU;
- **Flyer** on Environmental Care Team – brochure – Bev can help, needs volunteers;
- **Display on Water bottles** with policy and information;
- Water bottles as Christmas Day service prizes; LED bulb distributions

2017 Budget – Barbara reported a vote was taken Nov 18 on necessary items, not ministry items; a committee will review requests. Marge will talk with John Reed to provide input. Committee includes Darcy Miller, Roy Arnold, Cindy Dahl, Phyllis Pearson We can talk with these people to discuss Blue Sky funding request.

NWEI Voluntary Simplicity Class – Leslie is leading this starting January 3 for five weeks, \$35 for materials

Earth Sunday 2017 – Robin is working on an event; Leslie will offer a flower communion – April 23

Planning for 2017 – Leslie’s ordination will occur here on July 16

Closing - Leslie

Next meeting: February 19 at noon, Round Table Room 106b.

Upcoming events:

2017 – 25th Anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Church

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

Master Recycler class – information on OSU web site and bulletin board

January 22 – Faith in Action brunch in Community Center after church

February 19 – **Natural Step/Environmental Care Team meeting**, after adult ed class @11:45 am, Round Table Room