

**Green Team Meeting – Minutes 04/03/23**

**Participants:** Don Hermes (Chair), Katherine Condon, Claudia Swain, Christine Muller, Jim Crisafulli, George Faucher , Greg Blasdel, James McMonigle, Fred Evenson, David Breen,

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.		Don
<b>Mission Statement</b>	“OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES IN OUR CHURCH, OUR HOMES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES.”	Don sent out the agenda which is included here with the goal of brainstorming and planning for future activities.	Don
<b>Old Business</b>	<b>Reviews, Reports from boards and team members:</b>	No reports at this time.	
<b>New Business</b>	<b>Fred led the group in a prayer</b>		Fred
<b>1. Where are we now?</b>	<p>Brainstorming –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Note on Solar panels: 1/3 of the panels are still not operational Building and grounds committee has an attorney who will address the issue with the supplier of the equipment. We are still saving money - \$1350. Is a typical electric bill, now the bill was only \$514. this month.</li> <li>* Greg suggested “When not in use – save the juice.” Lights are being left on in the building. Let’s try to be more conscious of turning off the lights.</li> <li>* Don wrote up a proposal to the Office of Energy Resources for their program “Lead by example” explaining our project. They thanked us or our submission.</li> <li>* Some activities we have undertaken: Monthly hikes during Covid Solar panels on the roof – dedication and publicity Involvement with CARI – protests at banks and support of politicians who promote environmental concerns. Earth Day events Programs – “Beneath the Solar Sun” Johnston Land Fill trip</li> </ul>		All

	<p>* While our efforts have a social justice impact – we are focusing on the environment as a Green Team.</p>		
<p><b>2. What should our goals be moving forward?</b></p>	<p>Brainstorming -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* UCC has a designation as a Green Church – we could try to earn that designation.</li> <li>* Earth Day is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Family Service is the 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>* Establishing some projects gives us a focus: A few examples of the one's we've done are the Field trip to the Landfill, the Sod Farm trip, the Solar installation.</li> <li>* <b>Suggestion for a project we could take on -</b> Greg let us know the Parsonage needs work – could we turn it into a green project. Habitat is working hard on building green houses - Colin Penny is a good resource. Claudia will get in touch with him to help. We would need a general contractor who can get bids on the work.</li> <li>* <b>Education is also a goal we should pursue –</b>  Support the efforts of the SK sustainability Committee  Program at the SK High School- April 19 Three areas of focus: Composting and waste Energy efficiency Water Conservation</li> <li>Consider a Green Team minute in church alerting people to the programs available.</li> </ul>		<p>All</p>

	<p>URI webinar – recycle right April 12  <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2370507915977252184">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2370507915977252184</a></p> <p>Geology presentation – Don is teaching a course at Olli and would teach that class here.</p> <p>Claudia is president of a Garden Club and is on the board of the Land Trust. We are providing support to 42 bills in RI and could share this information.</p> <p>Christine works with the Interfaith Power and Light and they want to support our efforts.</p> <p>Katherine will contact Jane Merner Senecal from Earth Care Farm to see if she would give a talk about composting..</p>		
<b>3. Leadership</b>	<p>George and Don will be co-chairing the Green Team. Let's put something in the Elight about our meeting and letting people know we would like more input and members to work on the Green Team.</p>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.</p>		All

Minutes submitted by Katherine Condon

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