

September 16, 2018 meeting of Environmental Care Team (Natural Step)

Present: Karen Bloom, Marge Stevens, Marian Veley, Helen VanNice, Rebecca Marti, and Ron Leonard.

Centering in Prayer: Karen opened the meeting with a prayer offered by Archbishop Rowan Williams inviting us to contemplation. (*Please see attached.*)

Drawdown Report #1: Karen opened a series of reports from the climate change tome Drawdown. She reported that the #1 contributor to climate change is the mismanagement of refrigerant chemicals (CFCs) particularly in air conditioning units. At our next meeting **Marian** will report on the #2 concern, wind turbine generators.

Carbon Footprint Questionnaire: Karen provided copies of the questionnaire which has been circulating among UU/UCC/ICJ resources. Marge suggested several additions to the current copy and then copies will be available at future tabling events at and outside of the church (*Please see attached.*) It is also recommended that a link to this resource be added to the church website.

“Our Children’s Trust” Lawsuit: The lawsuit regarding climate change brought by students from Eugene goes to trial October 29 – January, 2019. It was felt that this story might be an important contribution to a future FUMC newsletter.

Looking Back; Looking Forward

Evaluations

Waste Water Treatment Plant Tour

Ron reported a dozen attendees grateful for the excellent tour provided by plant staff.

Open Streets: (*Please see attached.*)

Roadside Waste Cleanup: (*Please see attached.*) Marian reported the need for a few more people to help with the activity. It was suggested that “Constant Contact” be used to enlist added support.

Football Parking: (*Please see attached.*) Our next opportunity is November 23; schedule as follows:

9 – 11 AM: **Karen, Rebecca, TBD**

11 – 1 PM: **Karen, Marge, TBD**

Alliance of World Scientists’ Warning – Karen intends to sign our group on in support of this initiative.

Tabling at Coffee Hour: Karen will pursue a change to the fourth Sunday of the month so as not to conflict with our third Sunday team meetings.

Team Check-ins as needed

Corvallis Interfaith Climate Justice Committee: Karen reported progress on a Corvallis community carbon offset fund interviewing at least three local groups to be part of the fund: Seeds for the Sol and the Greenbelt Land Trust. They are pursuing other ways to find a third group.

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition: Marge reported that the coalition is focusing on equity in its programs. She further reported that the Climate Action Team is accepting invitations to support local actions such as the carbon offset program previously mentioned.

Bulletin Board Displays: Karen will do the board in October in the absence of Rebecca.

Edible Garden: Karen reported that 228.5 pounds of fresh produce have been donated to SCFB so far this season. She is hoping to develop a winter garden to continue to feed the hungry throughout the year.

Recycling Block Captain meeting: Marge noted that anyone can attend a meeting of Recycling Block Captains to be held at FUMC on April 11. They distribute recycling handouts around their neighborhoods; Marge will try to secure some handouts for distribution at FUMC.

Newsletter Articles: Karen and Helen will continue to contribute newsletter articles on behalf of the ECT.

Team Extensions:

Salmon Watch: Ron reported on a program for which he volunteers. Tracy Koenig has recently begun to work with the program as well.

Zero Waste Facebook Group: Amanda was not available to report on this initiative.

Ongoing discussions: Karen is looking to create an inter-faith harvest festival beginning Fall, 2019.

Karen adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Leonard