

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta
Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m., Sunday, December 13, 2009
FUUSM Parlor, RE building

Attending: Gary Hamilton, Bob and Caroline Putnam, John Brewer, Debra Miller, Jim Grecni, Sara Lamb, Roger Kalter, Mike Bailey, Adeline Bailey. Mike Bailey chaired the meeting.

Minutes from the October meeting were submitted. There was no meeting in November.

Because the time between holding the meeting and receiving the minutes is often longer than it should be, Mike suggested that an Action Item list could be developed at each meeting, and the list would be included in a weekly email to GS members.

Harvest Dinner plans

Mike has spoken to Jim Rapp, chair of the Service Auction committee, about having the dinner coordinated with the Service Auction. Jim thinks it is a good idea, so we will work toward the date selected for the auction-- most likely in October. A menu that builds on what we grow in the community garden is to be developed. Sara Lamb and Debra Miller volunteered to work on menu planning. Carolyn Waltzer had previously suggested an Oktoberfest theme for the dinner, so she will be invited to participate in the menu planning. Stassa Phillips, who took care of food arrangements for the auction this year, will also be consulted. Wayne Waldeck usually donates pizza for the auction, so that will also need to be included in any menu plans.

*Community Garden *Clean-up is done, although there is still work to be done. Roger Kalter donated some compost bins for the site. Mike has additional boards from a Friends of Lower Muskingum deconstruction of an old barn, but the boards are filled with old nails that must be removed, and the boards need to be cut to appropriate sizes for the garden beds. Roger will help Mike with the project. There is also a supply of aged manure at the deconstructed barn site, but hauling it is a problem. Mike has also collected many bags of leaves, so we have a great start on accumulating bed materials.

Jim Grecni asked about the compost pile of city leaves located near 821. Roger says that compost is sold by Greenleaf Landscaping, but that Al Lang of the company is very involved with the community garden and may be able to help with acquiring compost.

The garden will be managed by Joan Coffey and Barbara Dernberger in the

2010 season. Plans for seeds and location of plantings should be discussed with them, as well as plans for the Harvest Dinner menu. It was suggested that we need better information posted at the garden next year. Problems with a shared garden--knowing who gets what, when to pick, etc.--might be alleviated with better communication. It was also suggested that perhaps the RE classes could be more involved with the garden during the summer months.

It was suggested that we invite *Frank Porter* back to do some workshops. Roger said it might be more effective if we had opportunity to make whatever Frank was instructing. This would involve advance registration, purchase of materials needed and perhaps a fee for participants, giving them a hands-on experience with something solid to take home.

Community Involvement Per Mike, GS membership in Friends of Lower Muskingum has been renewed at the \$50 nonprofit rate. Nature Conservancy Bag Donation Debra Miller will shop for gardening tools to outfit the bag. It was decided to use the bag as a prize at the Earth Day celebration.

Earth Day Roger Kalter suggested doing compost education as an activity especially for youth. He envisions GS supplying materials and showing how to create a model, then send along an instruction sheet for doing composting on a real scale. GS members are to save quart or pint sized waxed paper containers to use in the model making. All agreed with Jim's suggestion that we set up a real-size composting display, with examples of all three stages of compost. We would also need to develop posters and instruction sheets. Roger will talk to Amanda Dever, the Americorps at Marietta College, about getting some volunteer help with that. Debra said she would donate a dryer diverter to be used as a give-away at the event. Mike is to talk to Marilyn Ortt and Betsy Cook about the "passport" part of the celebration, to see if we can participate with the youth activity.

"Recipes for Green Living" booklet project Adeline is still accepting submissions. Jane Tumas-Serna has created artwork for the booklet section headers. Roger suggested adding a section for posing "green" questions that puzzle us. Adeline suggested adding the lists of local sources for green products, and any notes from the Frank Porter classes. Although the booklet could be printed, Adeline plans to publish it in pdf format, for an even greener approach.

Newsletter submissions Mike will review Confluence entries to give Diana Bungard additional ideas for upcoming submissions. Sara Lamb suggested posting the puzzling questions in the newsletter, and also adding the

questions to the weekly emails.

Upcoming recycling opportunities Recycle spent (or not spent) ink and toner cartridges with Friends of Lower Muskingum fundraiser. Wine bottles, preferably large bottles with interesting labels, for Mike's sister, crafter in NC.

*Adjournment *The meeting was adjourned around 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Adeline Bailey

ACTION ITEMS

- Weekly emails for Green Sanctuary - Mike Bailey
- Harvest Dinner menu plans (soon enough to order seeds or plants) - Debra Miller and Sara Lamb.
- Save pint and quart size waxed paper (milk) cartons for Earth Day model activity - All GS members
- Contact Americorps volunteer about Earth Day activity posters/instruction sheets preparation - Roger Kalter
- Talk to Marilyn Ortt and Betsy Cook about GS involvement in Earth Day passport program - Mike Bailey
- Give Diana Bungard suggestions for Confluence articles - Mike Bailey
- Complete Green booklet - Adeline Bailey
- Collect ink jet and toner cartridges for FLMR recycling effort - All GS members
- Collect large wine bottles for recycling by NC crafter - All GS members
- Contact Frank Porter - Mike Bailey
- Check out Green Sanctuary web information so we can talk about a plan - All GS members
- Entry Page for all things Green Sanctuary: <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/greensanctuary/index.shtml>