

Green Team 2.13.18

In attendance: Rich Detering, Linda Detering, Betty Fredeen, Laura Baumgartner, Jean Harris

- I. We opened with prayer
- II. We talked about the actions we'd taken since our last meeting.
 - A. Linda is continuing to work on kitchen directions.
 - B. We talked about what else needs to be done in the kitchen and decided that the waxed cups are a challenge. We talked about looking for alternatives, but are also not sure that it's the highest priority for us right now. Laura agreed to call Republic (because she still hasn't called with our questions from last month, either) and ask if waxed cups can be rinsed and recycled, since they aren't that different from waxed cartons that can be.
 - C. There seems to be an issue with ordering some of the kitchen supplies and Patty is still having to shop for a number of items. Betty agreed to talk with Patty and find out what she buys so we can try to streamline that process for her and coordinate with Dave and what he orders. We don't need to fix a system that isn't broken but if Patty is frustrated with having to shop, maybe we can find a supplier for compostable materials.
 - D. We also talked about Ziploc bags as a potential place to reduce plastic waste and whether we could have a supply of reused, recyclable containers for taking home leftovers instead of using Ziplocs that are then thrown away.
 - E. Rich, Laura, and Wendi have ordered the green compost bins for the narthex, classrooms, and pre-school. We are awaiting arrival.
 - F. Laura brought more info about the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy from a workshop she helped to facilitate at the Seattle District Training in January. We talked about the possibility of a speaker in the spring or fall. We decided to take a request to CLT to gather signatures to get the price on carbon bill on the ballots. The signature gathering will need to happen this spring for the ballot measure to appear next fall.
 - G. Laura shared materials from Earth Ministry's Brunch BINGO and asked if next year, we'd want to try to gather enough people to attend and fill a table.
 - H. We talked about the enews article about composting and decided to submit another one about reducing waste from events at church.
- III. We worked on plans for Mission Sunday, as summarized in the table below. We decided that we'd each make inquiries and try to find a leader for two of the proposed mission projects by our next meeting on 3/6. On March 6, we will assemble the options that we have been able to find leaders for and start sharing information with the congregation by March 11 with sign-ups after worship and enews articles.

Activity	Green Team Coordinator	First Contact(s)	Other notes
Compostable Birthday Bags	Linda	Jen	We need to know what food bank they go to, how many they need, what has to be in them, what flexibility there is for us about what goes in them, and who was the leader last year
Robinswood Park	Linda	Jen and Adam Stuenkel	
Groundskeeping/Stream Restoration, Ivy Pull, plant communion tree	Rich	Dave Carver	Need info from City of Bellevue about the stream and how to care for it. We need to decide if the Trustees want to combine Mission Sunday with what they usually think of as a work party at church, and whether this feels like serving ourselves in Mission or if it can be serving the Earth/learning to be good stewards of the gifts of Creation.
City of Bellevue Earth Day Celebration	Laura/Rich	Colin Walker, Laurie Deveraux	Need to know what is happening and if we can help
Pastoral Care	Laura	Brad Beeman	Possible stops for a group at Polly Williams' and Bob Olson's houses (or others?) to do some yard work and/or if there are pairs of people who want to go and just visit without doing yard work
Library	Laura	Robbin Price	
Sophia Way	Jean	Contacts at Sophia Way	Is construction a problem? Can we find someone else to organize since Jean will be away during the weeks leading up to the event?
Baby Corner	Jean		Can they use us at the time we can offer?
Days for Girls	Betty	Jo Fritze	
Lunch Makers/Deliverers	Betty	Malia Hampson	No plastic baggies