

GREEN SANCTUARY MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 - 7:00- 8:50 pm

Members present: Steve, Kay Wilkins, Kay Hansen, Becca, Karen, Betty, Pam

Housekeeping: David Towle has asked to become an adjunct member because of Acadia Chorale rehearsals at same time

Item 1 - 2004 Energy audit:

We agreed that it was not as complete as we would like but then we reviewed each section and Kay called Diana to see what had been accomplished from the recommendations. Diana reported that many of the recommendations had been accomplished from the audit.

Lighting - UUCE had replaced the fluorescent bulbs with T8 fixtures. Need to clean fixtures and verify what else needs to happen and add outlet insulation.

Efficiency Improvement Opportunities: We agreed we need to weatherstrip doors and caulk and seal building penetration areas (including hole in floor in kitchen) and check for need for caulk around windows and glass doors in sanctuary. Need to determine the cause and cure (ice dam?) of leak in kitchen and community room. Power strips to reduce phantom energy usage - Becca told of new improved power strip.

Heating system boiler - Do we tune boiler yearly. What about electronic thermostats? **(Kay and Steve will check at Committee chairs meeting or with George)**. ? re whether TEXMAR controls have been checked and adjusted. Need to have covers for thermostats in RE wing as they really cannot be changed -NEED SIGNS OR COVERS. (RE Thermostats do need to be changed by someone knowledgeable from summer to winter settings)

Hot water - add pipe insulation to hot water lines if not already done.

Ventilation - check stove fan to make sure properly opens and closes.(Stove propane smell evident)

Refrigeration - clean coils monthly under both refrigerators. DK how old the one is in the main kitchen?

GS com developed **IDEA OF ENERGY CLEAN UP AND PREPARE FOR WINTER DAY -- will be attached in follow-up email (POSTER) - Saturday, October 20 9-Noon - not only good for church but also educate members re what they can do in their homes.** No time for newsletter - so posters and announcements

Item 2 Review energy usage information

Steve distributed initial data re energy use and has asked for full data from Bangor Hydro (from 1998) and No frills Oil (2-3 years)- they are sending actual usage info.

Item 3 Recycling program

Kay Hansen was thanked for her signs. She said that there is not as much as has been - she will take away this week to transfer station. Betty again suggested the carry in carry out philosophy - and Kay will contact Sue Aubrey to ask our tenants to carry in carry out.

Cloth napkins - use by non church group - GS com agreed that the napkins should only be used by UUCE members and that napkins would be put away Steve and Kay contact Sue Aubrey re that as well.

Item 4 MCF presentation re socially responsible investments at Board mtg on 9/13

45 minutes - MCFR investments not based on any social responsible criteria - MCF said is Social respon criteria used only 2-3% return and they are getting 9% return. Use of income for socially responsible grants/scholarships for Maine. UUCE \$ not used for soc respon grants as we get all our income (except for management fees). Green Sanc committee expressed concern about the investment philosophy of MCF - agreed to have Budget and Finance committee review MCF as only place for UUCE funds. Concern from one member re lack of federal insurance on MCF funds.

Steve will do query for our Green Sanc committee over GS list serve what other Green Sanc comm are doing re socially responsible investments.

Item 5 Green Sanc to UUCE high school group

OK - and very good idea to add student to our committee

Item 6 Timeline for Action Plan

Things needed in action Plan - some things we are already doing - audit and usage and clean up day - need to add worship and working with outside organizations. Bangor, Belfast, Waterville, Allen Avenue, Castine (?) UU churches are GS churches at various stages. Maine Council of Church Earth Care teams. Pam told of her work to start Hancock County Interfaith Climate Change Initiative in 2000 under Maine Council of Churches. Kay W reported Sommesville Cong Church wants to do GS work.

Date for draft end of year- finish by Feb?

Steve will research other GS Action Plans -- KEEP IT SIMPLE AND SHORT!

Pam Person  
Acting Secretary