

Green Sanctuary Minutes 4/2/08

In attendance: Steve Votey, Kay Hansen, Dusty Bailey, Karen Wigglesworth, Kay Wilkins

1. As one of the elements of our plan as needed for certification, we discussed sponsoring an **earth-centered worship service**. We wanted June 22nd, the Sunday closest to Summer Solstice and the Worship Committee agreed to that date. Leela will be away that Sunday. Leela met with us briefly. She encouraged us to be aware of “cultural misappropriation” and said that the work of Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley was a good resource on that subject. For special music we would like Timbered Lake and possibly Hawk Henries – Karen will ask them. We need to meet with our UUCE pagans and enlist their help and support - Anne Ossanna, Toby Manring, Mary Ann Solet, others. – Kay W. will ask them to attend our next planning meeting.
2. **Action Plan** – Steve will write something for the next newsletter. Kay W. proposed challenging other churches to reduce their energy and asking Erika Shriner to kick off the contest. UU Castine is a possibility, so is Blue Hill Congregational. We will plan to work with RE during summer to be sure to include Green Sanctuary topics in next year’s curriculum. For Adult Ed., Earth Institute’s courses are an ongoing resource to us through Karen Wigglesworth. For next year, we want to work with RE on an Earth Day, council of all living things (is that the right title?) program.
3. **Recycling & compost** – at the request of Betty Massie and the kitchen planners, we discussed recycling and composting. It is Betty’s request that we discontinue Recycling and switch to a “Carry In – Carry Out” policy. Betty also requested that composting be emptied every Sunday so it did not sit in the kitchen. After discussion by the GS Committee we decided that compost wasn’t practical after potlucks, given the mixed nature of the food scraps and the difficulty of educating everyone about what could and couldn’t be composted, but that visibly recycling and saving returnables was important. Green Sanctuary will help with design ideas if needed. We will also look for some type of stackable containers to tidy the recycling area up.
4. **08-09 budget** is needed - \$500 total which will include fee for Green Sanctuary application - \$100, office materials for environmental audit kit, worship/music. Steve Votey will give budget to George Marcus.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 (no meal) will be a special planning meeting for the June 22 worship service.