

St. Paul's Cathedral
Simpler Living Leadership Group
Minutes of Thursday, October 8, 2009

Present: Gary Arps, Cassie Lewis, Elizabeth Master, Phil Petrie, Jeff Sand, Grace van Thillo

1. Opening Prayer: Gary

2. Information Sharing:

a. Phil: Issue of acidification of ocean; film at website, National Resources Defense Council, at nrdc.org/oceans/acidification.

b. Cassie: Showed a "green" cell phone made from recycled materials.

3. Announcements:

a. Cassie has declined being convener or co-convener next March. Phil still wishes to step down. No one jumped at the chance to do the job! To be revisited later.

b. Phil, Cassie, Gary visited Camp Stevens earlier in the day and met with director Peter Bergstrom. Bergstrom is interested in gathering a group to put together a diocesan retreat at Camp Stevens on creation care ministry (see below). Peter seemed more than interested in what we are doing at SPC and wants to work together. E-mail addresses were exchanged and Phil made notes on events/organizations/contact persons which he will share.

c. Bergstrom said that Allis Duruffel, So Cal Coordinator for Interfaith Power and Light will be at the Diocesan Ministry Day, November 10 (sic) at St. Bart's in Poway. He urged all who can to attend. (We've since discovered the day is November 7, not 10.)

d. Gary: Water Smart Garden Festival November 14 at Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College. He will write blurb encouraging/setting up carpools and giving directions.

e. Grace reported that, although she sent away for the postcards re: Episcopal Church's involvement in promoting global climate change awareness, the postcards have not yet arrived.

f. Phil reported that everything seemed to be in order and on time regarding the Alternative Transportation Sunday and Forum on October 18. He and Jon Brewster are trying to find time to run through the PowerPoint presentation. Nothing else to report.

4. Future Projects:

a. Non-commercial Christmas: Cassie proposes a pre-season home group meeting of anyone interested in planning ways to increase awareness and participation in a simpler, less commercial Christmas. She and Carolyn are working on planning this event, consulting Allisyn Thomas. This will also be our Simpler Living Tip for November.

b. Program/event at SPC attracting and gathering people interested in environmental ministry sometime in January or February. Of particular focus are the names gathered on our interest lists. A well-known speaker, perhaps some food at this event would be attractive. Gary and Grace will work on this and report back.

c. Phil proposed putting together a group to work with Peter Bergstrom on a cooperative event (retreat?) at Camp Stevens. To be discussed at next meeting.

d. Committee agreed to generate a paragraph for e-newsletter summarizing UN Climate Summit at Copenhagen—writer to be determined.

e. Elizabeth is very interested in putting together a group interested in learning about and planting organic gardens. She and Cassie (who is interested in the Victory Gardens Project in SD) will make a proposal at a future meeting.

5. Communications Issues:

a. Since Robert Hathaway was unable to attend the meeting, not much to report on the technical aspects of our communications.

b. Phil is looking for short articles to include in our monthly e-letter and on our webpage. Please!

c. A calendar page to hot-link to our web page was proposed by Jeff. Everyone thought it was be a smashing idea. Can we? And who will do it, keep it current?

d. SL library: postpone discussion till future meeting.

6. Next meeting—11/12/09

7. Prayer and adjournment at 8:45.