

St. Paul's Cathedral
Simpler Living Committee
Minutes of Thursday, December 10, 2009

1. 7:06 Opening Prayer: Carolyn
2. Attendance: Carolyn Lief, Phil Petrie, Robert Hathaway, Grace van Thillo, Gary Arps
3. Announcements and Information:
 - a. Phil: Shared a graph from Sierra Club Magazine showing how far (comparatively) the several nations are in setting climate change priority.
 - b. Carolyn: Shared news of a book Being Consumed: Economics and Christian Desire, by William Cavanaugh.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Convener position for 2010. No movement yet.
 - b. Communications:
 - (1) Gmail: Robert sent out a gmail message today. Our gmail address will primarily be used for people to contact us—anything sent to that address will be forwarded to Robert, Phil and Gary.
 - (2) Constant Contact: Robert needs content for an SL e-newsletter to our list (71 people).
 - (3) Check our SL webpage on the SPC website. Do we need any changes or updates? Add or delete items?
 - c. Projects:
 - (1) Gary reported on trip to Water Smart Gardening Festival Nov. 14. Said he went by himself - no one from SPC was there or contacted him about carpooling.
 - (2) Carolyn reported on non-commercial Christmas event at her home. She said Cassie did a great job with activities. Not a big attendance, but consensus that something like this should be done again next year.
5. New Business:
 - a. SL film at Second Saturday Film event at SPC January 9. Gary will get film on DVD Food, Inc. from Netflix and get it to Carolyn before he (Gary) leaves for a week on January 2. Grace will get an announcement to SPC publicity person for inclusion in e-Bulletin and the Sunday order of service. Carolyn will ask Phil Darby to do a flyer. Phil D. or Richard Lief will do projection. Grace will introduce the film; Carolyn and Cassie will lead discussion of film.

b. St. Paul's Simpler Living Workshop. Gary spoke with Dean Richardson, who thinks that a Saturday event sometime in February or March would allow a broad coverage of topics and attract more people. The Dean believed that having a presenter/leader of the workshop would attract greater attendance. He knows several people who could be likely persons to work with us. He wants to wait until the Stewardship Campaign is over and the budget put together to see how much money would be available for this event (transportation costs, etc.) Gary will stay in touch with the Dean about this.

c. Diocesan Environment Retreat. Phil is working with Peter Bergstrom and Allis Druffel of Interfaith Power and Light to hold planning sessions at SPC for a San Diego interfaith retreat at Camp Stevens on the faith community's response to environmental issues. More information will be shared soon about this event.

d. Following items tabled until next meeting due lack of time:

1) Update on slide show A New Earth: Images of Hope for a World in Crisis,

2) Possible organic gardening project

3) Earth Day/Creation Sunday to be coordinated with Christian Ed. Dept.

4) SL library: who could put it together, where would it be housed?

6. Meeting was closed with a prayer. Next meeting—1/14/10

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Arps