**DRAFT Minutes**

**Green Sanctuary Meeting, Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**Meeting was held after Church Service and coffee on April 27, 2025.**

**Meeting Attendees: Roger, Inez, Paul (Del), Jean, Joanne, Hazel, Julia, Glenn, Nancy, Frank, and Matt. The meeting proceeded as described below.**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Discussions,**

**Upcoming Activities**

* + our handouts. **..**This would enable folks to download our handouts to their phones and reuse, and save paper.
* **Saturday, May 17, 11-00 to 1-00 pm: Plastics, Styrofoam, and Food Collection**
* Process: In summary, eight (8) bags of plastics per weekday, can be delivered to Hannafords dock, after 1.30 pm. **Saturday, May 10: “Love the Earth” Day at Laconia Congregational Church (LCC), 8.30 a.m. setup, and 10.00 a.m. to 1:p.m. open doors. UUSL will share table space with the Laconia Lions.**
	+ Opportunity for UUSL to share Climate Change information, actions to address, how we might collaborate with others.
	+ Tent & Table: Del, Roger, Matt and others will set up our tent and display.
	+ Material Handouts: Inez, Roger and Others will provide material to be displayed, and handed out.
	+ UUSL Attendees to be at the May 10 event: Del, Inez, Roger, Joanne, Jean, Matt, Nancy, and Julia. Others are welcomed to email Inez, zenialle@gmail.com to participate in the UUSL tent at May 10 event.
	+ Joanne will check with Sarah to get information on the financial benefits of our UUSL Solar Upgrade. May also need to check with Pam, who pays the bills.
	+ Matt will check with LCC “Love Our Earth” management to determine if Frank can use his drone during the May 10 event, and pass that info on to Frank..
	+ Del suggested we create a QR code for
	+ Recommend that Hannafords be called by delivery volunteers on the day of the delivery, before the delivery, so Hannafords can make any necessary prior preparation.
	+ A handout sheet will be provided to UUSL delivery volunteers to describe this process.
* **Sunday, May 18: Green Sanctuary Meeting, after Service, Alliance Room.** Short meeting held so as to not conflict with the post-Service Stewardship celebration.
* **Sunday, Jun 1, Earth Day and Flower Service at UUSL**
	+ **Collaboration with Rev Judith**
	+ **Ideas for short presentations, discussed during our meeting are below. These will be discussed with Rev Judith, and then a Draft OOW sent to the participants in our Green Sanctuary meeting.**
		- **Need to stress the joy of taking action, rather than the despair of current day challenges (Roger)**
		- **Have an interactive Service, e.g., perhaps congregants pinning cutout flowers, with notes on what they will do, on board with garden mural (Inez).**
		- **Look at history of good results of environmental regulations, e.g., acid rain. (Julia)**
		- **The benefit of taking walks in the woods (Frank and Nancy)**
		- **The history and joy of environmental education (Joanne, Jean)**
		- **Identify things that we are not doing , but could be doing (Nancy)**
		- **The benefits of Nature (Joanne)**
		- **A youth to talk about their concerns about Climate Change (Glenn)**
		- **Importance of Community Trash Pick-up on trails (Julia and Inez)**
* **Sunday, Jun 15: Green Sanctuary Meeting, after Service, Alliance Room.**
	+ We understand that this is the last Service of the Church Year. Understand presenter will be Rev Dan. Rev Dan mentioned that last Sunday.
* **Saturday, Jun TBD, 11-00 to 1-00 pm: Plastics, Styrofoam, and Food Collection**
	+ Since this is several months off, will leave date as TBD.

**Other Activities (Around the Table): These fall into responsibility space between Building and Grounds, and Green Sanctuary, and Parish Committee, and Others.**

* **Annual Report**
	+ Roger will draft report and send to GS Committee Members for comment, and then send to Shirley Stokes.
* **Native Plants.**
	+ GS Committee voted to support Nancy purchasing two honey suckle plants.
	+ Nancy recommended waiting two (2) weeks before selecting Native Plants for front lawn. All agreed.
* **Little Library**
	+ Del is taking GS lead with the Parish Committee.
* **Composting**
	+ Hazel noted that she is successfully proceeding with composting activities.

**Extinguishing Chalice: Our Green Sanctuary Vision:** Through our UUSL Green Sanctuary (GS) Activities, help make a world, that is sustainable, safe, and just for all humanity, including present and future generations, and the whole of the interconnected web of life.