**Green Team Meeting** Thursday,October 12, 2023

**Present –** Christa Andersen, Terry Potter, Jan Flora, Barbara Faidley, Pat Spangler

**Old Business**

**Solar panels on Fellowship Hall and RE-volv** -tabled until Sunday, October 22 meeting. Ask folks with solar panels - hail damage? Affect property insurance?

**Lighting upgrades in the church Office** – New generation LED lighting in the 2 offices, meeting room & kitchen. Estimates. Funding. Tabled until 10/22

**Collaboration with First Christian Church Green Chalise Team**

How to stop junk mail. More information to come! “ The Mason bees and Leafcutter bees have completed their tasks of pollenating our plants, gathering pollen and preparing their young for next spring and summer. Their nests have been boxed up & shipped back to **Rent Mason Bees** to be checked, sorted & prepared to ship in the spring 2024.” Climate Change Corner “Managing gardens in Extreme Heat – How Plants Respond to High Temperatures”. Aaron Steil, consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist. Boxes for unused greeting cards and 2024 calendars. Darla Ewalt, First Christian Church

**Season of Creation Service** on Oct. 1 UCC’s participation: Neal, Planning Committee, Jason Paull mc’d. Pat spoke on Ames UCC Green Team activities. Contact persons/information for other Ames Churches’ Green Teams is on UCC’s website under Social Justice. As well as Crayola Initiative information.

**Bridge Home -** Reusable gift cards for Bridge Home clients in December. Christa

**Courier deadline** – October 30. New from Green Team in this Season of Thankfulness – Recycle corregated cardboard boxes. Collect bags for Bridge Home. Christa

**New Business** Native flowers planted on east side of church - Wild petunia, yarrow, coreopsis, coneflower Pat

**Drinking Fountains at Church (Water Filling Stations)**

Church staff asked Property Committee & Green team to investigate the water fountains at church which don’t work. Pat researched possible grants or rebates for Water Filling Stations. These funds are primarily for municipal infrastructure projects, wells, polluted waters, native lands or schools. Green Team unanimously agreed that a drinking water source is basic to being a welcoming church. Terry will write a proposal (for Exec Committee) to purchase and install 1 new drinking water fountain or Water Filling Station by using Memorial Funds to purchase the water unit and Building Repair Funds to pay for electrical/plumbing work.

**Next Meeting** – Sunday, October 22

Discuss Lighting upgrades in the church Office – New generation LED lighting in the 2 offices, meeting room & kitchen. Estimates. Funding. Ken

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Please view [programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org](mailto:programs@interfaithpowerandlight.org) before October 22. This discusses financing for financing solar for congregations