

Heart of the City met Monday, Jan. 12, at 6:00 at Cafe Carpe for a pot-luck supper. (What a variety of delicious food!) Members of other groups were in attendance. (See attached sheet)

President Leslie LaMuro called the business meeting to order. Attendees from each group explained their purpose and how they thought their members could work cooperatively with HOC.

Fort Atkinson Garden Club

Publicize that they have scholarships and school projects available for students. They need projects so their members can keep up their Master Gardener certification

Look at the city tennis courts, along with HOC, as potential community gardens. They have money available

Offer surplus perennials in the spring, especially to those who lost same in the flooding. Kitty suggested that be done on the Neighbor Nation website. www.neighbornation.net

Friends of Rose Lake and MushKoSeDay Park

Take part in field activities at Rose Lake

More cooperation around the community gardens

Dick Wanie

Urged HOC to strongly support nature experiences such as field trips for young students in Fort, especially at the outdoor area next to Luther School.

Friends of Allen Creek Watershed

Participate in controlling invasive species and other workdays, such as checking water quality.

They are writing grants for project funding.

HOC

Asked for help in painting the old trash cans that are being recycled.

Matt Loup

Brought information about the "Wholesome Harvest Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)" an organic farm that is taking orders for the coming season. Contact CHRISZAS@Yahoo.com.

The following were nominated for the 2009 Big Heart award:

1. Fort Dept. of Public Works staff for their cooperation on the trash can project
2. Volunteers who helped organize flood sandbagging, etc. in their neighborhoods: Vicki Sherman, Lori Becker, Faith York and others.
3. Fort Health Care for their green educational program in cooperation with HOC.
4. Chris Spangler for the tremendous amount of publicity given to HOX and her editorial support of the philosophy of HOC and other as well as groups.

When the vote was counted, Chris Spangler won by a large majority.