

Heart of the City

July 9, 2007 – Café Carpe

Present: Beth Gehred, Jill Ottow, Mary Linton, Kathy Kaufmann, Lue Ehnger, Joan Callan, Josie Gobel, Steve Tesmer, Jill Kessenich, Paul Hable, Anders Yocom, Elaine Johnson, Ann Bemis, Chris Riedel, Steve Klein, Matt Lupe

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Beth Gehred.

Approval of last month's minutes. (Jill O/Joan C)

Truth to Power Moment: Mary Linton Read 2 poems about rot (the good kind, as in compost).

Special Announcements:

Jill Ottow Announced that John Raub was involved in a serious bike accident in LaCrosse this weekend.

Jill Ottow recognized our outgoing president, Beth Gehred.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$2172.38

Beth gave an overview of the personal gas tax fund raiser. Set a theoretical price for gasoline, and contribute the differential to a sustainable item or cause.

Election of officers and chairs.

Nominations opened:

President: Kitty Welch

Vice President: Leslie LaMuro

Co-Secretaries: Jill Kessenich/Steve Tesmer

Treasurer: Paul Hable

Projects Committee Co-Chairs: Joan Callan/Jill Ottow

Govt Relations/Public Policy Committee Chair: Bill Camplin

Education & Outreach Committee Co-Chairs: Margaret Martin/Cynthia Holt

Big Thinks Committee Chair: Anders Yocom

Committee reports:

Projects:

Community Garden is a great success. Next Saturday session July 21 on organic gardening at Fort Healthcare Integrated Health & Wellnes

Public Policy/Govt Relations:

Will be partnering with the Chamber of Commerce Project LEED for encouraging and grooming future candidates for public office.

Education & Outreach:

No current activity. Possible future article on Community Garden.

Big Thinks:

Next meeting at Ann & Anders, Monday, July 16, 6:00 pm.

New Business

Beth relayed Kitty's interest in making The Atkinson Diet the emphasis for the coming year. Jill Ottow added that the Atkinson Diet has the potential to be a vehicle to bring more people into the Sustainability movement and HOC. Jill K added that there is an opportunity for outreach beyond Jefferson County, and brought the recent 1000 Friends of Wisconsin newsletter which has a feature on the Atkinson Diet.

Old Business

Big Heart award nominations:

Beth nominated Kathy & Jeff Ide for all the work they do with high school kids

Announcements

Paul Hable: Recent AARP magazine had a feature about Global Warming.

Josie Gobel: Idea for using trash bins as planters, showed photos from Gardeners magazine. More discussion about other possible uses for trash cans.

Josie Gobel: Showed pictures of a "Square Foot Garden" made by Russ Stevens

Mary Linton: Gave a report on a "Wild Edibles" workshop she attended Andy Jorgensen and Walt Christensen were also in attendance.

Jill Ottow asked about HOC involvement in Chamber of Commerce Carnival Days.

Steve Tesmer gave a report on the wrap-up of the Climate Protection Ad Hoc committee.

Chris Reidel and John Raub have been working on a bicycle advocacy group, unclear of the status of activity due to John's accident.

Beth: Sustainability Circle Facilitator workshop is being developed, date TBD

Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 23, location TBD

Next General meeting August 13 at Police Station.

Adjournment: 8:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Tesmer