

# Green Sanctuary Agenda 9/30/15

## 5:30 - 7P at the Shining Rainbow, 209 Central

**Participating:** Karen, Chuck, Chris, Thayer, Sandy, Carol

### I. Immediate time frame:

#### 1. potluck review

- Movie was great and Steve Leibos was effective - maybe talked a bit much
- Kids movie was an energy hole for Martha and David since we had no kids
- CRUUNY GSC involvement was fun for all.
- Sandy was disappointed with turn-out but others thought 35 - 40 was fine.

#### 2. Mothers Out Front this Friday, 10/2

- For the promotion of the switch to Ethical Electric?
- Is FUUSA being used to promote a private enterprise?
- What do MOF know about EE? Are they getting a cut? Are they getting used?
- Carol will contact Neely Kelley the lead organizer in Rochester for some answers.

#### 3. promo for SNYFGP Forum on 10/6

- We need to reach out on an individual basis to promote this forum.
- Karen will promote by tabling at the Delmar's Farmer's Market on Saturday.
- There's a FM at State Plaza, too.
- Becky Meier is bringing refreshments - Sandy will email Becky about set-up needs. Is Sandy the building host and forum host since she requested the use of the hall?
- Sigrin to post the event at a Thatcher park meeting.

#### 4. Spectrum for This Changes Everything on 10/28 - [this date may change to 10/20](#)

We should get our tickets ahead of time and then sit together.

Sandy has heard the Spectrum is getting moderators and will confirm.

#### 5. Other

Faith and the Environment series at SUNY. On Tues., 10/7, a presentation by Native American, Tom Porter on Native Spirituality and Environmental Justice

### II. Independent GSC discussion

GSC is an outward facing group trying to make an impact on the planetary issues of climate change and environmental justice. At this point some of us feel like we're behind a firewall in not being able to act. The SRC is sanctioned to speak for the SRC and its umbrella group, the GSC. We are searching for a way to speak for the committee, ourselves. Consensus agreed to the concepts in Sandy's draft. Perhaps if we identified ourselves as just the Green Sanctuary without the FUUSA identification that would be ok with SRC and the Board? In the past there have been two major GSC resolutions at the congregational level 1) the GSC resolution that created the committee in the first place and 2) the anti-fracking resolution.

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What are the obligations and responsibilities of the GSC that came with the anti-fracking res? Could the Board consider that the GSC is already empowered to speak on certain issues as a result of the anti-frack resolution? If we're an independent committee then we'll probably have an elected or Board appointed chair as well as appointed members. SRC may issue statements of public support but not the GSC. The Board could establish the GSC as a stand alone committee and appoint a chair. Is there a way to proceed that wouldn't involve a congregational vote? Can we try some independence out between now and May at the time of our annual congregational meeting? If the GSC were to become a stand alone committee then would we have to deal with room donations and operating budgets? Sandy will first issue these discussion notes to Martha, David, Betsy and Lois for their feedback and then request a meeting with Jean and Peggy to discuss.

### **III. No New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure project/pledge**

We focused on this as our GSC project for the year. Through the fracking res. does the GSC have a carte blanche right now to oppose fracking and support, a statewide moratorium on new pipeline construction,. The American Medical Association and the NYS medical society supports a pipeline moratorium. Perhaps we can establish a pledge supported by a number of orgs and/or churches and go to the state executive, state legislature, count/city reps, federal reps, asking them to sign a ban on all fossil fuel related activities. For example the dumping of toxic waste, building of any new facility to process fossil fuels, permitting of fracked gas pipelines, etc. Right now the Constitution pipeline is before the DEC. FERC has never denied a permit. The most FERC does is impose strict conditions,

### **IV. Forums**

SRC forum in November, Marjorie Cohn speaking on drone warfare. Most GSC forums in the past were lightly attended which is why we've switched over to pot lucks. However, Carol would like to work on a forum regarding renewable options to provide heat in the NE.

### **V. Next meeting:**

Sandy spoke to Chris and Chuck after the meeting. We agreed to meet at Renee Panetta's restaurant, the dali Mamma, at 41 State St., for our next meeting on Wed., Oct 21st from 5:30 - 7P