

ATTENDANCE: Bishop Mark Andrus, Gerri Aston, Michael Churchman, Roger Conville, Eleanor DelBene, Freya Neely, Sam Robertson, and Charlie Scribner.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: read with additional corrections.

CD UPDATE: Eleanor DelBene will give a copy of the original CD to Rosine Hall to put on the website. Rosine will try to put an addendum for several corrections that were made to the revised CD, including the spelling of the name of Beth Maynor Young.

OPENING REFLECTION: Eleanor read the Presiding Bishop's letter, an Advent Reflection on the Millennium Development Goals and asked us to reflect on how we can have an impact. Responses included: Utilize our booth opportunity at convention to publicize and possibly even raise money to give possibly to Haitian Reforestation; www.stopglobalwarming.org; ways to promote our website; an idea for a January *Apostle* article on things you can do in the new year that match our mission statement; Tithing and how it can relate to Social Justice such as giving things from Episcopal Relief and Development.

Web page: The website is active. www.stewardsforcreation.org. Bishop Andrus will see if we can be linked to from the Diocesan web page. A question was asked if we can add a counter, to see what kind of activity the website is having. One comment on how part of the banner graphic was cut off, which may be due to personal settings on computers. Possible additional links could include: www.stopglobalwarming.org, and www.alabamaeearthfest.org.

SEWANEE DUBOSE LECTURES: Exploration of the theological and practical issues involved in contemporary church architecture, building, and renovation in the context of serious biblical and historical reflection was the focus of the 2005 DuBose Lecture series in November. Eleanor DelBene and Rev. Rob Morpeth attended. Thoughts are to add language to the Capital Campaign sheet that reflects building green.

APOSTLE ARTICLES: A thought is to use some of the information Joyce Wilding has offered for a base for articles. Another idea was to include "comparative facts." A good February article would be preparing for convention and discuss decade of water. Watch for Food-For-Thought posters at convention and look for recycling opportunities.

Convention 2006: Theme is Prayer. Noon on Thursday is the time to set up the booth. Sam Robertson agreed to help set up and be at booth with Eleanor. Plan is to have flyers for TN Clean Water Partnership, Seafood Watch Cards, highlight the Muscles in the Shoals area, Joyce Wilding Banner, and any Haiti environmental info we can find.

BISHOP AND MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Bishop Andrus asked everyone to help the diocese know about the Millennium Development Goals and especially how that relates to the Haiti relationship. The environment, sustainability, and deforestation are topics that translate between the two.

LIAISONS: Elizabeth Lindsey agreed to help with the Liaisons. Sam Robertson had an idea of asking for a quarterly report on what Liaisons are doing in their local parish. Michael Churchman to set up yahoo group to communicate via email in an open forum. Could post the *Apostle* articles, minutes, publicize the website, ask for feedback and more. Sam suggested asking Liaisons to contact a sister parish about identifying a liaison, to have representation in all parishes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: given by Freya Neely.

CAMP MCDOWELL FALL RETREAT – September 15, 16, (and 17 if people are interested,) 2006. We have reserved that weekend.

Miscellaneous/Additional:

- Can we update the information, with current members on the prayer card? It was decided to put our logo and website over the names on the back of the prayer card.
- Alabama Earthfest – Michael to check on sponsoring a "Theology on Tap" with an environmental discussion

Upcoming meeting dates

Possibly Wednesday, March 8th, 15th, or 22nd, 12 PM – 3 PM as our next meeting date, at Carpenter House. **(Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 11 AM – 2 PM at Carpenter House.)**

Discussed the possibility of joining the Environmental Camp at Camp McDowell. Will email to see what kind of attendance is possible.

Eleanor encouraged us to think of what we want and can do to increase our effort.

For our closing prayer, we gathered in a circle. Sam Robertson closed with a prayer.