

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church  
Green Committee Special Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2018

Attending: Sunny Snyder, John Crampton, Eric Jensen, Pdon Pinkham, and guest  
Brandon Charboneau

Excused: Erin Anderson Wenz, Jane Propsom, Doode Backstrom, Jacques Chasse, Bob  
Gerdes and Andrew Snyder



Sunny opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. With prayer.

The minutes with the correction of adding Jacques Chasse as attending.

Eric provided an update on the status of the solar garden agreement. Eric said he was running into issues regarding the church's financial review. He said he hoped to have more information in a few days.

Brandon Charboneau a representative from [All Energy Solar](#) had provided information to Sunny, which she distributed. Brandon explained the proposal and John helped answer some of the details related to the church.

Pdon asked about warranty coverage for labor to replace warrantied parts and arrangement of panels to facilitate service. Brandon explained that service for replacement of warrantied parts was not covered as the warranty was from the panel manufacturer. He noted that access for maintenance wasn't a problem.

Al asked about the need for a service contract for routine maintenance and repairs. Brandon said they do not provide that service currently. John suggested we would need to train someone to routinely look at the panels and check output to see if cleaning or maintenance was needed.

Al asked about extra property insurance. Brandon suggested it would typically be a nominal premium increase.

Pdon asked about the physical aspects of the panels related to the roof structure and the disconnecter location. Brandon indicated the disconnecter would be located in the utility room to comply with code.

Sunny asked if the proposed size was optimum for benefit. Brandon responded that he felt it would be. Sunny asked about the time-line. Brandon explained the steps that would result installation around August-October. John noted that this proposal was much better in terms of cost per watt than the previous proposal we had researched.

John moved to formalize the the proposal with a recommendation to session for approval. Sunny noting several members were unable to attend said she will contact them to see if they have any concerns.

John reported that Erin had arranged a meeting with the City to review the rain garden option.

John reported that Macalaster College would hold a Kool Wind Presentation on April 21st. John will attend and report back.

Al reported on the Earth Care Congregation certification which Oak Grove had been awarded recently. He said he would try to get information about the program and award on the church's website.

Sunny said she wanted to update our goals at a future meeting.

Eric said he was putting together a proposal to participate in the financing and ownership of the church roof solar panel project now that the committee had indicated approval to proceed. He will put together a financial proposal for consideration by Budget and Finance. This will be discussed at our May meeting and if approved forwarded to Budget and Finance for ultimate session approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Allen Frechette