

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
Green Committee Meeting Minutes for July 5th, 2018

Attending: Sunny Ray-Snyder, John Crampton, Erin Anderson Wenz, Jacques Chasse, Bob Gerdes, & Al Frechette

Excused: Pdon Pinkham, Frank Bliss, Jane Propsom, Doode Backstrom, and Jack Anderson Wenz.



Sunny opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M. Erin gave a devotion.

The minutes from June were approved.

Erin gave an update on the progress on the rain garden. She reported that a utility survey has been completed and it looks like a rain garden will work in the general location. A grant request is being prepared by Nine Mile Creek Watershed Organization for a state grant.

Bob gave an update on the roof top solar proposal. He said it is on schedule to be started in September. There was a M/S/P to approve the solar panel installation design that was proposed and presented at the meeting by Bob.

John reported on the analysis of offsetting our natural gas use. John said that with our combined solar garden contract, our solar panels on the roof and our contract with Xcel for wind source generated electricity, we will offset all of our electricity and 70% of our carbon generation associated with natural gas. We would still need to offset about 17 metric tons of CO2 for the rest of our natural gas use. John said we could offset the rest by purchasing carbon offsets, which would cost between \$500-800 per year. There was a good discussion about options to bring our carbon footprint to zero with either direct options, missionary opportunities or member commitments to reduce their CO2 emissions as a pledge for the church. Al suggested considering further reductions of our natural gas usage by installing on-demand electric water heaters at points of use when it is time to replace the large water heater. These options will be considered further at future meetings.

There was a discussion about adding two vehicle charging stations this year, this project is being managed by the Mission Committee. Pdon had volunteered to coordinate this, but was excused so we will discuss it further at the next meeting.

John said he would prepare four options for consideration to address our remaining carbon offsets. He also said we should discuss our adult education sessions for next year and provide an explanation of what we've already done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM to allow time to view the property for options for two charging stations.

Respectfully submitted

Allen Frechette, Secretary

Meeting Date and Time: Aug 2, 2018, 7-8 PM

Location: Oak Grove, Fireside room

Attendees: Oak Grove Green Committee members

Minutes	Owner(s)	Topic
5 min	Group	Opening devotion- AI? Approval of minutes- please read in advance
20 min	Pdon/ Group	Electric vehicle expo (planned Sep 15)
5 min	Group	EV charging stations update
5 min	Group	Rooftop solar update
5 min	Erin/ Group	Rain garden update
10 min	John/Group	Adult faith formation planning- education related to solar panels, solar garden, rain garden?
2 min	Group	Confirm action items
3 min	Group	Meeting evaluation and close

Parking lot items:

- Green Committee priorities, future planning
- Committee member recruitment, church member involvement