GREEN TEAM MEETING – March 3, 2024

Present – Tom Meyer, Tim Gossett (Iowa Interfaith Power & Light), Ken Birt (Property Team Chairman), Christa Andersen, Terry Potter, Pat Spangler, Eric Abbott, Jan & Neal Flora, Barbara Faidley

Old Business –

Tom Meyer presented Solar Panels for Fellowship Hall Update. Read attachment. Ken will present to Property Committee and inform the Executive Committee of this research and summary. Green Team deeply thanks Tom and Ken for their research & time working with RE-volv and CB Solar.

Newsletter – April deadline is 3/25. Tom will submit “Solar Panels on My House” In May - Barbara, “Electric Cars”, Floras “Hy-bred Cars”, “Riding City Buses or Biking Instead of Owning a Car”

“City of Ames Earh Day Activities” - Pat. Ames Repair Cafe at APL 4/27; Stream Clean-up and Stash the Trash 4/20 & 4/21: Spring No-Charge Waste Day: Spring Rebates – SmartWatersheds

New Business –

Earth Day Service on Sunday, April 21 will be planned by Green Team. Planning Committee: Megan Henson, Pat, Barbara, Jan, Christa. “Plastic Jesus - Real Faith in a Synthetic World” creationjustice.org Great resource with scripture, music, prayers, sermon topic and points. Invite congregants to plan and participate. Kristin Shields, Building Relationships committee offered “Terrarium Making” after the Earth Day service. Jason will provide soil and plants. Participants should bring a clear glass container with lid such a quart or half gallon pickle jar. No cost.

Interfaith Power and Light “Faith, Farms & Climate Meetings” in March (4 with faith leaders) & April (4 meetings with farmers) in Boone, Grinnell & Coralville. He asked Green Team members to attend these conversational events. “Climate Change and the Parables” a forthcoming Bible study from Iowa Power and Light. Ames UCC Bible Study could participate. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Decorah web video on successfully going solar. Also, the Coralville Unitarian Congregation set goal to be most carbon-free congregation in the state/country. IPL Earth Day Event 4/22 at MidAmerica Energy headquarters in Des Moines, Coal fired power plants protest. tgossett@iowaipl.org

Developing a Collaborative Mechanism for Financing & Installing Reduced GHG-emitting Equipment in Low and Moderate-income Homes in Ames. Jan

Next Meeting – April 7