

Ecojustice/Green Team 2022 Report

The Green Team has continued to meet almost monthly, and now has a standing meeting scheduled for the 3rd Tues every month from 6:30-7:30pm. Information on our group can be found on the MUCC website (which we are slowly bringing up to date, please bear with us) and on the church hall bulletin board. We had another active and successful year in 2022. We had multiple MUCC members attend the Sustain Dane Master Recycler Class; these folks, plus 1 youth, then shared the information learned from the class as well as other information, including on native plants, additional recycling info, and reading materials at our Earth Day celebration in April after worship service. The team has elected to have MUCC continue to be a member of Sustain Dane due to the educational benefits and the shared philosophy with MUCC. We have made the transition to using fair trade coffee for our after-worship hospitality; we are currently using Equal Exchange in support of small farmers. Due to the Emerald Ash Borer disease, MUCC had to remove 6 ash trees; we were able to raise funds to plant 3 Bur Oak trees which are native to WI, 2 serviceberry trees and the large native pollinator garden outside of the stained-glass cross. We hired Good Oak Ecological Services to do the planning and planting. We raised \$6696.97 for the cost of \$6268, leaving us with \$428.97 which will be used on plants and small sign/s for the garden (\$125 has been spent this year leaving \$304.97 for 2023). The team planted additional native plants around the sign on Broadhead, and some of our kids planted a sunflower garden between the parking lot and the community garden. We have remaining grant funds from our original Native Prairie Garden planting (\$409.42) which the team hopes to use toward additional native plants next year. In our last meeting of 2022, the team agreed to increase our focus in 2023 on more justice related issues which may include speakers, films and reading options.... stay tuned. Please feel free to join us, make suggestions or inquiries on things that may be of interest or curiosity.

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