

Hi everyone,

Thanks for all who attended the last GWAT meeting on May 31, 2007 at Risen Savior. It was a good meeting. See the meeting notes below for the content of the meeting. A reminder, we will not meet again until September.

Sister Kerry from the Office for Social Justice and myself have formed a steering committee for the GWAT. We will be meeting at the end of June to brainstorm and to put together a strategy for direction for our next year (September 2007-May 2008). I've attached a survey for those who did not attend the meeting to complete and email back to me. This will help us figure out what direction we should go with the team. ANY INPUT OR SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU IS WELCOME. The steering committee members are: Clarence Chaplin, Sister Joan McInty, Glenn Skuta, Bob Genovese, Sue Illg, Steve Moore and Jim Fitzpatrick.

I will be in touch with various updates and information during the summer. I hope you have a great summer and perhaps our paths will cross from time to time.

Thank you for your partnership,

Robin

MEETING NOTES:

David Thornton - Assistant Commissioner for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency - talked with us about the governor's new task force for climate change in Minnesota. The purpose of the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (MCCAG) is to achieve the governor's "Next Generation Energy Initiative" goal of developing a comprehensive plan to reduce Minnesota's emissions of greenhouse gas emissions. It will include a comprehensive inventory and forecast of emissions in Minnesota, recommendations for specific policy to reduce emissions and enhance energy and economic policy in our state, an evaluation of specific goals and actions in the Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 (passed this year) and conclude with an issuance of recommendation in a final report to the Governor by February 1, 2008. Five Technical Working Groups (TWGs) supplement the efforts of the MCCAG. These groups have an advisory role to the stakeholders and are tasked with providing technical analysis and designing policy options for consideration.

The Global Warming Action Team members are highly encouraged to get involved in this process. You can do it in any of the given ways:

- You can follow progress on the website
- You can submit comments
- You can attend MCCAG meetings
- You can attend any of the five TWGs

The next MCCAG meeting is June 14, 2007 9am - 3pm

Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (MCCAG) web page

www.mnclimatechange.us

MCCAG Members <http://www.resourcesaver.com/ewebeditpro/items/O3F11397.pdf>

MCCAG Presentation from first MCCAG meeting

<http://www.resourcesaver.com/ewebeditpro/items/O3F11456.pdf>

Molly Schultz - Lobbyist for Minnesota Environmental Partnership spoke to our group about the 2007 Legislative session. For global warming, energy efficiency and renewable energy standards it was a successful session. See attachment for more information on the session.

