

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY-VOICE CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2007

Present: Bette Brunish, Philip Siddons, Linda Siddons, Nancy Kresge, Jan Losi, Helen Cyrulik, Mary Ann Sheldon, Carol Horvath, Charlene Shotwell from Kenmore Methodist, Kadesha \_\_\_\_\_, intern organizer from Syracuse.  
Guest: Nancy Freeland, Exec. Director of VOICE.

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm.

Opening Prayer: Mary Ann Sheldon

1. Nancy Freeland, Exec. Director of VOICE here to present training on “one-on one”. A 1 on 1 is a focused conversation to find out what is important to the other person. See Handouts. “The Goals of a One-on One”. “Questions you may want to ask. Things you may want to know about”. “Reflection Guide for One-on One’s”. There was a 3 minute exercise pairing off to learn something about the other person. This was an enjoyable experience. A focused 1:1 is to find out something you didn’t know. We live in a society that is unconnected, do not interact but be independent-“pull up by the boot straps”. Only relationships are with family/friends. Go out in community, but as a lone ranger. Commonality, have same issues, build relationships—that builds power. What gets in the way?. Not want to be nosy, daily activities, time constraints. Need to take time that people are important and everyone has something to offer. Need to connect. Use 1:1 to connect people. These are tools/focused cnversation. Find out what people want in community. Focuses leadership team. Find peoples needs and leadership finds out needs—to empower people. Tool to find out where congregation is and possible changes. Tool helps to recruit new leaders/participants—so as not to be “recycling” same leaders/people all the time. Philip will do a 1:1 with Pastor Dan.
2. Next General Meeting is Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Unitarian church in Amherst
3. Fundraising: Pecan Sale.  
Feast of Tables meeting: Oct. 17 @ 5:30pm  
Art Aution meeting: Oct. 16 @ 3:30pm.  
IDC Campaign: at Westminster.
4. Upcoming Events: Faith and Democracy Dialogues: October 28<sup>th</sup> at Unity Church on Delaware Ave.  
Recovenanting Event changed from Nov. 4 to Nov 18.
5. Evaluation: “the training was inspirational and gave clarity, thought provoking, helpful, challenging, tension-want to do more/chanel ways to do it”.

Closing Prayer: Linda Siddons.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Opening Prayer: Philip. Closing prayer: Carol