

Notes from the September 15, 2011, meeting of

Transition Amherst

at the home of Betsy Krogh

Next Meetings:

Meet and Greet at the home of Mona Naimark, 62 No. Prospect St. Thursday, Sept. 29, 7-9 p.m. (Initiating Committee members circulate flyers, arrive at 6:30, bring dessert-food and/or drink, be prepared to answer questions.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 7-8:30 p.m. at the farmhouse of Bernard Brennan, 89 No. East St., Amherst (413-461-8877). Come at 6:30 for a tour of the farm.

Present 9/15/11: Bernard Brennan, Betsy Krogh, Gabor Lukacs, Molly Falsetti-Yu, Jon Kent, Wendy Weinberg, Mona Naimark, Rick Martin. Gabor facilitated; Rick took notes.

1. We checked in at 7:05.
2. Announcements: 350.org is "happening" Sept. 24, 12:30 p.m. on the Common.
3. Agenda: Meet-and-Greet, review the Evaluation Retreat, review our meeting-process.
4. Ideas for the Meet-and-Greet "Be friendly"
 - A. Arrive at 6:30 or before. Bring food (cookies, cakes, pie) and drink (cider. etc.)
 - B. Make name tags, sign-in (Rick). Distribute brochure. Dessert table open.

- C. 7:05-7:15 p.m. Welcome, introduction to our purpose (Betsy).
- D. Members of the Initiating Committee (special name-tags) introduce themselves;
 guests/visitors introduce themselves.
- E. Dialogue between newcomers and established committee members.
- F. Song?
- G. 9:00 p.m. Adjourn. Dessert table again open (Some TA members help clean up.)

5. We considered possible changes to the group meeting process, particularly the issue of safety in case of disagreement. There was considerable sentiment on the need for

 stronger facilitation. We considered a supplement to the facilitator, a person to watch the process of the group and nudge it toward health (individually and in terms of group process)

6. We adjourned at 8:30 with check-out.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Martin