

Library Environmental Committee Minutes—July 24, 2012

Present: Mike Unsworth (chairing), Kriss Ostrom, Susan Kendall (minutes), Stephanie Perentesis, Hsiang-Ping Cha, Elida Marti, and Andrea Kepsel

1. Environmental Steward Reports

Kriss had emailed Lauren Olson to ask her to add more people to her mailing list for the reports. She has not heard back. She also asked who is on the Be Green list.

Terry Link was going to ask for more information about the data in the reports, but he is away right now.

2. Fall Events

Since Terry is away we do not know whether he had gotten dates finalized for the two programs, one with Paulette Stenzel and Dave Finet on co-ops and the other with Susan Selke on sustainable packaging. Kriss will contact all of them to ask.

Kriss asked Rick about taping presentations in the Reference Instruction Room. He said that we still have to use an old fashioned tape recorder, but he suggests we get a software package to allow for more professional taping. Kriss had brought this to Arlene who approved getting the software. Kriss will follow up to see how soon this will happen.

Susan has lined up two Beal Garden tours with Peter Carrington for the fall—Sept and October. He is also willing to do a tour of the Sanford Natural Area. We decided to ask for that to happen at 5:30 pm on Tuesday with a Wednesday rain date for some time in September. Susan will follow up with Peter.

It was suggested we have an LEC holiday party this year. Everyone will think of good places that have vegetarian options and good beer.

3. New Business

Anita Ezzo had emailed the committee about partnering on a program this fall to go along with the 50th anniversary of Silent Spring events. She suggested showing the 30 minute video, “Dying to be Heard” and having a talk/discussion afterwards perhaps with Richard Snider. Susan will contact Dr. Snider. This could be a 4-5 pm event.

There had been email discussion about the MSU Libraries bicycle idea. Susie Garmo pointed out that Cliff had approved this a while ago, but she will contact him to remind him. The question was where to store the bikes and the non-alarmed door in the south stairwell next to the mailroom was suggested. Bikes would come with locks, but we decided not helmets. People would have to have their own or not use a helmet. The key could be checked out through circulation’s reservation system. The question of liability was brought up. Mike will check with Tim Potter of MSU Bikes to find out how that works for them.

4. Ecogram.

Kriss is still working on the ecogram about farmer’s markets. She will get that out soon. We will all think about what will be on the next Ecogram for August.

5. Announcements:

Mike announced that he is on the MSU Bicycle Advisory Committee and if we are free to let him know of any input or concerns we have. The committee will be providing input during the planning stages of the new CATA/Amtrack/Michigan Flyer bus station in order to make sure that

it is more pedestrian and bicycle friendly than the current station.
Hsiang Ping said that we have many new employees to train. She and Aaron will be doing the training.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8/28/12 – Chair: Aaron Tomak, Recorder: Mike Unsworth