

Library Environmental Committee Minutes—July 25, 2017

Present: Susan Kendall (chairing), Tim Kiser (minutes), Emilia Marcyk, Lisa Lorenzo, Stephanie Perentesis, Pat Olson, Jonah Magar

Regrets: Loretta Crum, Eric Tans (comments submitted via email),

1. Recycling updates and possible action item

- a. Jonah—paper towels
 - i. With MSU Recycling staffing/routing changes, we should monitor that compost bins (including paper towel bins) are being collected.
- b. Jonah—follow up discussion on glass recycling
 - i. Will confirm that Sparty's sells no glass products; otherwise, their glass use is limited to behind the counter (syrup bottles, etc.) and those recycling needs have been addressed.
- c. Eric T.—any follow up on plastic liners in the paper recycling outside Sparty's?
 - i. Dave Smith said he would contact custodial regarding the liners; has not heard anything after that.
- d. Eric T.—were missing signs replaced at the basement dumpsters?
 - i. Has not received the replacement signs; will check in the basement to see if someone else received them and put them up.
- e. Eric T.—inventory of bins with Dan Briones
 - i. Emailed Dan Briones about scheduling the inventory but has not heard back; will email again.

2. Programming for fall (deadline is August 4 for PR, so we need to finalize some dates)

- a. Joint program with Anita Ezzo on food security. Is there anything we need to do?
 - i. LEC will agree to co-sponsor.
- b. Pat Soranno—October?
 - i. Eric and Stephanie were impressed with Pat's talk at Great Lakes Science Boot Camp and think it will be ideal for our audience. Eric will follow up with her to try to select a date in October.
- c. Discuss ideas on botanical illustration with Pat Olson—perhaps for a spring event instead?

- i. Susan will chat with Peter to gauge interest. Pat is willing to work with Peter Carrington to coordinate themes, etc., for an event involving historic materials, if he is interested.
- ii. Possible topics brainstorming: Invasive species, local endangered species, invite a beekeeper (possibly involve Special Collections bee collection?)
- iii. Will continue to consider possible film events.

3. New staff orientation

- a. Susan trained a new librarian, Chana Kraus-Friedberg, on library environmental policies. Does anyone else need training?
 - i. Jonah provided orientation for Grace Haynes.

4. Proposed language for our LEC web site and About us page (Susan)

- a. LEC is happy with the revision. Emilia will add it to LEC website.

5. New business

- a. Should we seek new committee member(s)?
 - i. Yes-- will revisit in the fall after additional new hires arrive, summer vacation season is over, etc.