

Library Environmental Committee meeting, August 22, 2017

Chair: Tim

Minutes: Emilia

Present: Susan, Stephanie, Eric, Jonah, Pat

Regrets: Lisa, Loretta

Agenda

1. Recycling issues: Any follow up from last meeting? (monitoring compost/paper towel bins; plastic liners in paper recycling; basement dumpster signage; bin inventory; etc.)
 - a. Dave Smith in recycling is talking to custodial, nothing further for the committee to do
 - b. Paper towel situation: problem with overflowing paper towels seems to have abated, though some bins are pretty full. Not currently a problem.
 - c. Revisit if additional problems arise in the future
2. Staff bicycle: Cliff has approved lease renewal through August 2018 and [new intranet language is in place](#). Any further discussion/follow-up?
 - a. The committee thanks Jonah for his work on this. Bike is in place for another year
 - b. Strategies for promoting the bike
 - i. Include in minutes
 - ii. Send out an email to LibStaff with link and directions (possibly Jonah?) - keep email short
3. Follow up/planning for fall events and future events
 - a. October 18 event has been given to Holly
 - b. Beal tours are scheduled through October - awaiting response about images from Peter
 - i. Is there a way to get Fall Beal tours on the events calendar earlier?
 - ii. Susan will be out of town, so Stephanie (?) will look into introducing Peter
 - c. Food event in collaboration with Anita is progressing - we are cosponsoring, though not heavily involved in event planning
4. Seeking new members: Continue deferring to next meeting as more new hires arrive?
 - a. Yes. Plan next month
 - b. Can encourage people to visit meeting if they ask
 - c. Emilia will leave the committee after the September meeting. Pat will do minutes on 9/26
 - i. Agenda items for September: Pass down of web site duties, clarify process for distributing minutes
 - ii. Send minutes to webmaster to post on website
 - iii. Maybe send a reminder to LibStaff about the location of the minutes - add this note to other messages sent from the committee. For example, add a message to the bike email along the lines of "current LEC minutes are posted to the LEC website: lib.msu.edu/lec"
5. New business
 - a. Event around bees in the spring? Jonah will send out notes that he took while talking to a beekeeper friend, including topics of general interest. Friend has pointed Jonah to a couple of potential speakers on this topic. Or maybe have a student group like RISE speak about their projects on campus.
 - i. Beekeeping organization?
 - ii. Student group?
 - iii. Specific names?

- iv. Bring props
- b. Sparty's doesn't sell anything in glass, so there would be an extremely limited use for glass recycling in the building. Remind people that there is one glass bin by the facilities cage in the basement that Sparty's uses