

## **Library Environmental Committee Agenda—June 30, 2015**

Present: Heidi S. (chair), Eric T. (recorder), Pat O., Jonah M., Emilia M., Susan K., Stephanie P., Aaron T., Loretta C.

### **1. Smart Commute**

The Smart Commute reception is tonight, Emilia will collect pizza coupons to distribute to participating staff. We seemed to have fewer issues with registering this year; MIDMEAC removed the login from the form halfway through the event, which improved the process. For future events Emilia is considering requesting contact info for those interested in Smart Commute to avoid sending emails to all library staff if they are not interested.

### **2. LEC Social Media**

Discussion of the role social media should play in promoting LEC and LEC sponsored events. As we primarily serve library staff and communicate with them via email, LEC will not attempt to establish a separate social media presence. We will continue to feed messages to Holly or the person in charge of the library social media to promote LEC events using official library social media platforms.

### **3. LEC events – Fall 2015**

PR deadline is August 1. The Beal Garden Tours are already scheduled for the fall through October. The following ideas were discussed for Fall '15 speaker series:

- Historic tree walking tour of campus: Due to the popularity of the historic tree talk delivered by Frank Telewski, this follow-up would be going outside to see historic trees on campus rather than a powerpoint presentation on the topic. Heidi will contact Dr. Telewski with assistance from Stephanie. Target date for late September.
- A lecture on corporate interests involved in created environmental policy related to the recent SCOTUS air quality ruling. Potential speakers include a faculty member of the Law College or the Environmental Science and Policy Program. Pat will investigate speaker options.
- An overview of the recycling lifecycle on campus and beyond. A representative from Friedland industries and Dave Smith, MSU Recycling manager, could provide dual perspectives on where do our recycled materials go after they leave campus. Loretta will contact Friedland and Eric will contact Mr. Smith.

Heidi, Pat, Loretta, and Eric will touch base on feedback from potential speakers by July 10. LEC also discussed the below ideas, which have the potential to become speaker series events in Spring '16 or beyond:

- A presentation discussing the process of preserving and repurposing historic buildings on campus. Could potentially be led by Lynn Goldstein (University Archaeologist) or someone from archives.
- Cathy Huddy, energy educator for IPF, could present on the building recommission process on campus.
- A representative from the campus surplus store could discuss how the store operates and what types of materials they accept and sell.
- A Compost brownbag could provide an overview of composting projects on campus and a share the basics of composting at home. This would work Spring '16 to coincide with the start of gardening season.

#### **4. Composting Update**

Jonah was featured in a video promo for composting at MSU and added stickers encouraging users to snap lids tightly. Looking to future, pilot program will soon end and the library must pay a fee to continue the service. Jonah will discuss with Cayden Bunnell, from MSU Sustainability, prior to next meeting to discuss cost so we can bring this up with Cliff on 7/28. We can also investigate splitting the cost for compost with Sparty's and maximizing the service around the café.

#### **5. Other Business**

Mari Monosoff-Richards has received LEC training.

Providing a library helmet to go along with the library bike was discussed.

Aaron will contact LSA about having recycling bins for the ice cream social.

#### **6. Ecogram**

Recap of Smart Commute and encouraging people to continue to choose low impact transportation beyond the end of the program. Emilia will provide info to Aaron after the reception tonight.

**7. Next meeting 7/28: (Chair: Eric Tans, Recorder: Emilia Marcyk, Special Guest: Cliff Haka)**

Ideas of agenda items to discuss with Cliff when he makes an appearance at the 7/28 meeting:

- Discuss continuing the library compost program
- Follow-up regarding potential implementation of mini-bins in offices
- Offer LEC support in making use of the new kitchen space in the North Conference room at library events
- Thanks for accepting our proposal to install new drinking fountains on the main floor (and possibly request another on 4W between DMC and 441.

**There is a reminder that all staff members are always welcome to attend LEC meetings. Please email a LEC member if you are interested in attending a meeting.**