

Library Environmental Committee

Meeting minutes on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 11am – 12pm

Present: Eric Tans, Jonah Magar, Lisa Lorenzo, Stephanie Perentesis (chair), Scout Calvert, Loretta Crum, Susan Kendall, Lia Spaniolo (recorder)

Updates and Miscellaneous

- Earth Day program occurred April 22 in the library and featured an upcycling craft.
- 2020 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. LEC will work with Anita Ezzo to help curate the exhibit spaces on 2 West to commemorate the occasion.
- Sruthin Gaddam and Loretta Crum have met to get the newsletter going again, tentatively planned for the 2nd week of each month. Plans are to keep a low-touch format on the website. Eric Tans, Susan Kendall and Suzi Teghtmeyer are tasked to make recommendation for popular titles to feature on the LEC webpage.

Summer Events

- Beal Garden tours are scheduled through October. The first 2019 tour on April 18 was a success – roughly 20 people showed up, even in the rain.
- No other summer events coordinated by LEC in the summer.

EBSCO Solar Grant Application

- Update was given by LEC subcommittee (Eric Tans, Stephanie Perentesis, Scout Calvert and Lia Spaniolo) assisting the University Librarian on submission of EBSCO solar grant. Deadline for submission is April 30.

Recommendations for “Best Practices for Library Events”

- A few updates were made to the shared Google Doc in terms of silverware, table linens, and compostable waste bags.
- Committee members are asked to select topics on the doc and contribute research and recommendations. To be finalized at next month’s meeting to share with events coordinator, Leanne Sandoval.

Rotating Chair

- Discussion continued on the topic of changing the leadership structure from rotating chair to permanent chair. There is no restriction on term limits from library steering committee. Identifying a willing volunteer to chair emerged as a challenge.
- Scout motioned to spend May and June creating by-laws for a permanent chair structure and hold a vote in July. No vote was taken on this motion.
- Recruitment of new LEC members was discussed with the idea of sending an email to Libstaff to help bring on new members.
- Further conversation on future actions is needed and will occur at next meeting on Tues, May 28 2019.