

## **LIBRARY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – JAN. 22nd, 2013**

PRESENT: Andrea Kepsel (chair), Elida Marti (recorder) Hsiang-Ping Cha, Kriss Ostrom, Stephanie Perentesis, Heidi Schroeder, Aaron Tomak, Mike Unsworth.

REGRETS: Susan Kendall

1.- Recyclemania/Waste Reduction Week (February 11th through February 16th , at the main Library). Action items:

a) Decide on name – Waste Reduction Week? Moving Towards Absolute Zero?

Stephanie suggested that the idea should be towards waste reduction rather than absolute zero waste.

It was agreed to call it Waste Awareness Week.

b) PR for Susan Selke's event , , “Rethinking the Packaging of the Products You Buy - Is There Hope to Reduce Waste?” on February 13th.

As part of the LEC's Environmental Series event , there will be a brown bag lunch session presentation by Susan Selke on Sustainable Packaging. It will take place in the Reference Instruction room (1st. floor) from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Posters will be displayed announcing this event.

c) Posters for Recyclemania /Waste Reduction Week from Recycling/Surplus.

Recyclemania will start on February 3rd and end on March 30th (8 weeks).

MSU Recycling /Surplus will advertise these events.

Heidi has asked for four additional Recyclemania posters to be put on library easels to be displayed during the duration of the event, when other library events are not occurring.

d) Other PR ideas to talk to Ruth Daoust (Surplus/Recycling) about – stickers/flyers telling the story of where the recycled material ends up, poster tracking how much goes to the landfill from the Library each day.

The amount of waste going to the landfill will be measured at the start of the Waste Awareness Week and at the end.

e) Temporary reduction of trash bins/landfill stickers or signs near trash cans. Susie Garmo will work with the custodial supervisors regarding the temporary removal of some trash bins.

f) Brown Bag lunch and education session for library staff on what can be recycled, mini bin promotion, and rinse and wipe campaign. Also consider having Mike Mitchner talk about how much material MSU was diverting from the landfill and how much money is saved by the recycling program.

A brown bag lunch for the staff is scheduled for February 11th . in the staff lounge and presented by MSU Surplus/Recycling . Topics will include what can be recycled, mini bin promotion, and rinse and wipe campaign among others.

g) Education station for public. There will be an education station for the public at the Cyber Cafe. Susie Garmo will help in the set up. The recycling board from the Office of Campus Sustainability will be displayed for the occasion.

2) Forwarding “Be Spartan Green” announcements. Kriss will choose an interesting announcement to send to library staff and invite individuals to sign up to receive the announcements if they are interested.

3) Library Staff Association lunch potluck on Tuesday March 5, 11:30a.m.-1:30pm

a) Do we want to co-sponsor with LSA and SSAG? It was approved to have LEC co-sponsor LSA and SSAG.

b) Volunteers available to help with set-up, washing dishes, clean-up? LEC has committed to volunteer dishwashing for all LSA events.

c) Do we want to have a display to promote our activities? Hsiang-Ping and Aaron will bring the recycling board to the potluck.

d) LSA will send out announcements and create a wiki sign-up for people to bring food and/or help with the event. LSA plans to use the glass plates and metal tableware and will encourage attendees to bring their own drinks.

4) Old business

a) Earth Day events

b) Library bikes - The Director has approved obtaining a bike. Kriss and Mike will meet with Suzie Garmo about where we can properly store the bikes.

The logistics of storing it, checking it out for library staff members to use on MSU business, etc. still need to be figured out.

c) Science Festival – Peter Carrington's Beal tour on April 18th is being included as part of the events.

d) Website feature of Spring events available at <http://www.lib.msu.edu/features/?e=169>  
Holly will provide the electronic flyer soon.

5) Ecogram

Topic: Plastic water bottles

Aaron Tomak will design the ecogram.