

## 2/26/13 Library Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Aaron T. (Chair), Heidi S. (Recorder), Mike U., Andrea K., Susan K., Stephanie P., Hsiang-Ping C.

### 1. Recap of Waste Awareness Week. Successful?

Heidi emailed Dave and James from MSU Recycling/Surplus on 2/26. She'll let the group know what she hears.

\*\*After the meeting, LEC received this note from MSU Recycling/Surplus: MSU Recycling/Surplus removed or downsized about 109 trash cans throughout the public spaces in the building and added 4 recycling stations. They collected data from the two weeks prior to the event and compared them to the week of the event.

Although these results aren't statistically significant, here they are: Reduced waste by 350 lbs; Increased recycling by 100 lbs; Increased the diversion rate by 3.25% .\*\*

### 2. Measure of success of trash bin removal from recycling center/facilities

Recycling/Surplus removed 40% of 300 trash bins. We're waiting to hear specific numbers from Dave and James. It will also be interesting to hear how custodial viewed the changes – did they like having fewer trash bins to empty? Did they find trash left around (in places trash bins weren't present)?

### 3. RecycleMania – anything more here?

RecycleMania goes until 3/30. We have posters up in the Main Library at the entrances, outside of the Main Office, and on 4West. Mike went to the RecycleMania kick off lunch – said it was a nice event – they showed a video. This month's Ecogram will be about RecycleMania.

### 4. Any other ideas for events for the spring?

-Hsiang-Ping agreed to coordinate game during Earth Week – on Monday 4/22. She needs to email Cliff to get approval to use Writing Center space and also get volunteers.

- The Spring Beal tour is 4/18. It is being included and advertised as part of the MSU Science Festival event. The Science Festival (April 12-21 <http://sciencefestival.msu.edu>) will likely have several events of environmental interest including a possible film showing (Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time) at some location on campus (not the Main Library).

### 5. Potluck – volunteers, recycling board (Aaron and Hsiang Ping)

-They still need help – 3 people - with clean-up (1:30-2). Mike U. and Hsiang-Ping will check their calendars but think they can help out.

-Aaron will be contacting Lauren Olsen to get the recycling board for the event. He'll pick it up (Hsiang-Ping said she's available to help).

6. Status of Spartan Green newsletter to be sent to staff / making building reports more usable. On hold until Kriss can attend meeting.

7. Display for Earth day – ideas?

Aaron is looking for ideas. The group discussed a few possibilities. Eating local (local farms/food) seems like a strong possibility.

8. Library bikes – any updates?

Mike and Kriss went to the center stairway and it seems the ceilings are too low to suspend a bike there. But, Kriss, Mike and Susie still need to meet.

9. Other Bike Items

Smart Commute will be in June this year, Mike coordinating again.

10. Approval for scheduling change for the April meeting – move to the 30th.

April meeting has been moved to the 30th. Susan will chair, Kriss will take minutes. LEC members should check the schedule – changes have been made to the chair/recorder duties:

[http://lecwiki.lib.msu.edu/index.php/Meeting\\_Schedule\\_%28includes\\_Chair/Recorder\\_Schedule%29](http://lecwiki.lib.msu.edu/index.php/Meeting_Schedule_%28includes_Chair/Recorder_Schedule%29)

11. Ecogram ideas

Heidi will put together a RecycleMania Ecogram, since it goes until 3/30 and will forward content to Aaron.

Aaron will be now responsible for the design and delivery of all EcoGrams but will still need the month's recorder to supply content.

12. Next Meeting

March 26, 2013: Kriss O. will be chair, Stephanie P. will be recorder.