

Library Environmental Committee Meeting 5/26/2015 –Minutes

Chair: Jonah Magar; Recorder: Heidi Schroeder

Present: Jonah Magar, Heidi Schroeder, Aaron Tomak, Emilia Marcyk, Susan Kendall, Loretta Crum, Pat Olson, Tim Kiser, Stephanie Perentesis, Kriss Ostrom

1. New Members:

- We welcomed three new LEC members (Pat Olson, Tim Kiser, and Loretta Crum) - the group went around and introduced themselves.
- Kriss will add these new members to our email list (lec@mail.lib.msu.edu) and will submit a Sysdoc to get the LEC outlook email list “transferred” to Heidi so she can add new members to our LEC outlook address once Kriss retires.
- Aaron will add the new members to our LEC website and Heidi will contact Web Services to get the new LEC members added as Drupal editors for our pages.

2. Composting update:

- More than 2,000 pounds have been collected. The program is slated to continue as it has been (no cost to us) through the rest of the summer. As the summer winds down, Jonah will be in touch with Sustainability about whether or not we’ll still be able to keep the program going for free or if we’ll have to pay (and, what the cost would end up being).
- Kriss noticed the Cyber Café compost bin isn’t always snapped shut, so we talked about maybe getting small signs or stickers – especially for that one. Jonah will investigate.

3. What to do with remaining LSA funds?

- We have about \$150 left. Assuming it’s not too late to do so, we decided to put \$100 towards the “jogger” Smart Commute sponsorship level. This would come from the Library Environmental Committee – not the broader MSU Libraries.
- Kriss will talk to Terence O’Neill about getting the LSA funds and MidMEAC/Jeremy Orr about the sponsorship.

4. EcoGram: Smart Commute, Bike, others?

- Our EcoGram this month will be on Smart Commute. Emilia agreed to serve as our team lead, although she will just put information/step-by-step directions together – she will not enter stats for people. She will send Aaron this information to attach to the EcoGram. Smart Commute starts 6/7 and goes through 6/20.
- Jonah will also send out the library bike poster to library staff.
- Aaron will send info about the East Lansing Recycling Event this Saturday.

5. Carolyn’s concern about recyclables in waste bins – any new ideas on how to raise awareness?

- Kriss will talk to Cliff about putting the black landfill stickers on the (non-wood) trash bins.
- The group talked about how there are so many trash bins – and how this likely contributes to the problem (especially when recycling bins are not by the trash bins). Also, many of the trash bins are open – maybe people would be more deterred to throw away recyclables if they had to touch a flap (and the flap had a sticker/image reminding people that things placed here go directly to the landfill).
- Aaron will ask Jay about recycling bins placement. There was an inventory about a year ago (Aaron has that and will resend to the group).

6. New business:

- We decided to cancel the December 2015 meeting, but talked about planning a LEC holiday party.
- IPF trash bin update: details are still a bit fuzzy after Kriss talked to Sustainability and Jim Hensley. Kriss will show the letter to Cliff and the LEC will advertise the mini bin program to staff in the near future. Aaron will show new LEC members where the mini bins are.
- Loretta is the president of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds. The group is trying to build a volunteer base (for river clean-ups and other initiatives). She may approach LEC about ideas or to help with efforts.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23

- Heidi will chair, Eric is taking minutes.
- Group was asked to brainstorm about LEC speaker series for the Fall – as the PR deadline is 8/1/15.