

Library Environmental Committee
March 31, 2015 Meeting
Minutes

ATTENDING: Hsiang-Ping Cha, Susan Kendall, Jonah Magar, Emilia Marcyk, Kriss Ostrom, Stephanie Perentesis, Heidi Schroeder, Eric Tans, Aaron Tomak, Mike Unsworth

- I. Old Business:
 - A. Earth Day (April 22) Event Planning
 - 1. Recycling sorting game—Preparations are well in hand. Hsiang-Ping will send out a call for LEC volunteers to run the game
 - 2. We're submitting a facilities request to set up in the space outside the Reference Instruction Room
 - 3. Display on bicycles—will have books & artifacts
 - 4. Bicycle open house in the Reference Instruction Room:
 - a. Eric has enlisted bike organizations to staff tables
 - b. It will take place from noon to 2 p.m.
 - c. Eric will send a facilities request for tables and get permission for the organizations to bring bikes into the building
 - B. Bike Brownbag update:
 - 1. Dates: April 6 & 14 in the North Conference Room
 - 2. Publicity:
 - a. Promotional materials--produced
 - b. P.R. efforts—handled by Holly's p.r. apparatus
 - C. Composting PILOT Project –This is being on a trial basis, first campus building outside of Surplus/Recycling. If we see fruit flies, etc, the project will end. Jonah is the coordinator
 - 1. Bins
 - a. About 10 have been placed around the building:
 - i. 4 in the Cyber Café—will be emptied on a frequent basis
 - ii. Remainder—emptied weekly
 - b. Preliminary results for the week of March 20-27 —125 pounds of waste diverted from landfill
 - 2. FAQ—Jonah emailed this to Library Staff on April 1.
- II. New Business:
 - A. “What Does Zero Waste Mean?”—This will be a possible topic of discussion at future meetings
 - B. MSU Energy Future panel:
 - 1. Take place on April 8.
 - 2. Eric will be attending
 - C. Earth Day Green Gala—Mike and Kriss will be attending. LEC will receive a special award, although we're not sure what it is.
 - D. Discolored water from the new water station—apparently a temporary problem
 - E. Ecogram:
 - 1. The April ones will be on Composting & the Bicycle Brown Bag.
 - 2. May topic: Recycling

LATE ANNOUNCEMENT: Eric and Kriss forgot to mention that we will no longer have a bin in the Staff Lounge to collect for-deposit bottles and cans. If Library staffers don't want to return cans or plastic for deposit, please place them in the plastic recycling bins. Glass bottles can be recycled at the MSU drive-up glass recycling.