

Library Environmental Committee meeting, October 24, 2017

Chair: Eric

Minutes: Tim

Present: Susan, Stephanie, Jonah, Sarah

Regrets: Lisa, Pat

1. Discussion: LEC Newsletter proposal
  - a. The committee is happy with Sarah's draft and discussed options for highlighting upcoming LEC-sponsored events. We think our events should be particularly prominent.
  - b. Sarah plans to experiment with the "monthly reads" section, and may instead highlight seminars, etc., as they arise.
  - c. The committee discussed numbering/date format.
  - d. Likely schedule: Sarah will prepare draft for each meeting for review; final version will be posted to LEC website (Lisa?, or Jonah), and Sarah will share via all-staff email during the first week of each month.
2. Seeking volunteer to chair 11/28/17 meeting
  - a. Jonah will chair in November.
  - b. The normal chair/minutes rotation will resume in January. Jonah will prepare 2018 chair/minutes schedule on LEC website.
3. Discussion: Mini-bins at 11/28 All-Staff meeting?
  - a. Following discussion, the committee decided to table the issue for the time being.
4. Spring event planning
  - a. Next LEC meeting (11/28) is the final opportunity to finalize plans before the 12/1 PR deadline.
  - b. Eric has contacted Makerspace and Surplus Store to gauge interest in a potential upcycling-themed event in conjunction with Earth Day.
  - c. Jonah will continue investigating possibility of beekeeping-themed event.
  - d. Eric will pursue possibility of a Ph.D. candidate presenting an urban wildlife program, and noted that LEC members might consider Ph.D. candidates as a heretofore untapped source of future LEC programming in general.
  - e. Earth Day exhibit planning. Possibilities: Upcycled objects and/or upcycled art objects? Environmentally-themed art/craft books?
    - i. Sarah volunteered to lead/install Earth Day exhibit on one of these themes or another theme altogether; Stephanie will assist as needed.
  - f. Follow-up on Pat Soranno lake ecology event in October: A successful event, approximately 20 in attendance, including numerous non-library staff.
5. Other business
  - a. If the 11/28 all-staff meeting/LFA goes past 11am, LEC will meet immediately afterward.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 11/28/17. Chair: Jonah. Minutes: Stephanie.