

Library Environmental Committee Minutes – March 26, 2013

Present: Birdie Beckwith (guest, for Mary Schueller), Hsiang-Ping Cha, Susie Garmo (guest), Susan Kendall, Andrea Kepsel, Elida Marti, Kriss Ostrom (chair), Stephanie Perentesis (recorder), Aaron Tomak, Mike Unsworth

Earth Day Display Case (Aaron) – Books and display items for local food theme have been gathered; other suggested items include restaurant menus featuring local products, viticulture, and MSU Dairy Store and Organic Farm, local farmers markets and “pick your own” venues; installation on or after April 1

Waste Awareness Week recap (Susie) – challenging to coordinate with Recycling for volume of plastic pick-up; one solution being explored is a larger joint cardboard and plastic wheeled bin on loading dock; overall, WAW successful with many tall metal trash cans permanently removed and more recycling stations in library’s public areas; next goal: more frequent pickups from downstairs bins and larger bin on dock

Earth Day – use of library writing center alcove for activities approved

Faculty Author Reception, April 9, 3-4:30pm (Birdie) – no time to use glass for punch because of event immediately following at 5:30; LEC will establish staging area in a conference room to collect, clean and recycle plastic items in the time available; volunteers: Kriss, Aaron, Andrea, Mike and Hsiang-Ping

Be Spartan Green newsletters (Kriss) – no regular distribution to all staff of occasional and monthly listserv subscription publications, but Kriss will send link once for Be Spartan Green monthly newsletter for those interested to subscribe
<http://www.bespartangreen.msu.edu/newsletter.html>

Library Potluck – thanks to dishwashers; Kriss noticed and questioned inclusion of some items now designated not recyclable on the display board; she will investigate accuracy and report back Library Bike – new storage location being arranged in the room next to the DPPS office at Red Cedar entrance; initiating development of reservation system and webpage with scheduling, rules and agreement to be reviewed by Kriss, Mike and Susie New Staff Orientation (Aaron) – Aaron will be contact for new staff to schedule orientation, revising and providing checklist for other committee volunteers to conduct staff training; he will contact HR about new staff list; Kriss is trying to obtain “mini-bins” from the campus Recyclers (tiny office trash cans)

Batteries (Kriss) – until Surplus begins collecting non-recyclable batteries, staff should stop bringing them to her office or basement recycling area; to be announced in future ecogram; Mike will deliver accumulated batteries to the Ingham County RecycleRama April 13.

Announcements – Hsiang-Ping will oversee the recycling game on April 22, 11am-12N, and Mike will bring giveaways; Mike and Tim Potter will talk today (March 26) on bike traffic at the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit; Kriss announced “What the Frack, Michigan?” a program to be

presented Thursday, March 28th, 7-8:30pm, Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48912 / Venue Phone: 483-4233

Ecogram – Community Reuse Days, April 22-27 and other community recycling; information
will also be posted in the staff lounge and on the public bulletin board by Circulation

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 30, 2013; chair, Susan Kendall; recorder, Kriss Ostrom