

LIBRARY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE – NOTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2011 MEETING

Attendance: Michelle Allen, Hsiang-ping Cha (Chair), Susan Garmo (Recorder), Elida Marti, Kriss Ostrom, Stephanie Perentesis, Heidi Schroeder, Mike Unsworth
Regrets: Susan Kendall (doing a BI)

List of things that need follow-ups: Heidi will follow up on the video clips with the Office of Campus Sustainability

- Heidi, Michelle, Mike, and Kriss met with Lauren and talked about the following , which Lauren will edit into a Be Spartan Green video.

-The Libraries strong environmental history -Staff education we provide: ecograms, intranet/wiki, presentations/displays at library staff and branch meetings, etc -Activities for entire campus: Beal Garden tours, Earth Day, Library Environmental Series We will announce when the video is available for viewing

“The Town That Was” – documentary film

- Kriss purchased the DVD, was reimbursed from our account (maintained for us by LSA), and sent it for cataloging for DMC as a gift from LEC.

SUMMARY: “In 1962, a trash fire ignited a seam of anthracite coal beneath Centralia, Pennsylvania, a town of over 3,000 people. By the mid-1980s, giant plumes of smoke and deadly carbon monoxide gases billowed from fissures in the ground. Today, 11 die-hards remain.” This film documents the history and the town now: <http://catalog.lib.msu.edu/record=b8134380~S39a>

Granger field trip in the spring

- Discussion was postponed.

The three Rs at library events

- Using signage and Michelle will talk to Mary Black-Junttonen ** I wasn't there for this so don't know what was said: We discussed a strategy to coordinate with event planners to discuss recycling plans for refreshment service. We decided to start with library-hosted events and see how it goes, but eventually coordinate with other groups (outside of MSUL) who host events at the Main Library. Michelle will work with LSA for their events. Mike offered to coordinate with Faculty Book award planners (Birdie) and Student Book Competition planners (Birdie). Michelle will keep a watch on other events at Main to match LEC members to each one to discuss the three R's.

LEC wiki getting hacked – Heidi

- Heidi showed the sad state of the LEC wiki after it had been hacked). She said that Eric Weston had put safeguards into place to keep it from being hacked again. But once Eric removed the text inserted by the hacker (Ambien ads, for instance), most of the original content was gone, which Heidi had spent hours moving to the wiki from the LEC intranet page. Kriss encouraged Heidi to talk to Kim and Eric before adding content back, to ask whether it was backed up and could be restored? Update: Eric was able to restore the wiki!
(<http://lecwiki.lib.msu.edu>)

2011 RecycleMania – Michelle

- We looked at the RecycleMania webpages and what www.recycle.msu.edu had about RecycleMania. Suz will talk to Cliff to see if we can display signs on the three first floor event announcement easels on days between Feb 6 and April 2 when no library events are occurring. Cliff gave his approval. Michelle will send our EcoGram this month about RecycleMania, an annual eight-week recycling competition among more than 600 colleges and universities across the US.

LEC events Evaluate ‘City chickens’ – ** only four people attended, one library staff member and 3 others. Based on John Shaw’s suggestion, we talked about possibly changing the time for our events in the fall, perhaps 4 or 4:30 pm? Urbandale Farm Project in Lansing, March 2011 ** correction to date: Thursday, Feb 24th Be a Tourist – LEC Tour in the main library ** Sorry, but I am drawing a complete blank on this discussion

Earth Day, April 2011 Create an exhibit for a display case in the library -- ** I think Susan Kendall had volunteered prior to the meeting– someone else said she would help, but I don’t remember who. Beal garden tours

- all is set with Peter Carrington for two tours: April 21st about toxic and edible plants (Peter’s specialty, during Earth Week) and May 12 about “Spring Ephemerals, the short-term flowering plants which thrive in the sunlight on the forest floor before the trees above leaf out.”

Recycling games and freebies in the lobby on April 21st - ** Heidi will coordinate events from 10am-2pm on Thursday, April 21. (We moved these events from April 22, Earth Day, because it is also Good Friday. We thought we might see more patrons on Thursday.)