

## NOTES -- Library Environmental Committee

Tuesday, October 25, 11am, South Conference Room

Chair: Michelle Allen

Recorder: Kriss Ostrom (for Hsiang-Ping Cha, who was out of the country)

Present: Michelle Allen, Susan Kendall, Andrea Kepsel, Elida Marti, Kriss Ostrom, Heidi Schroeder, Aaron Tomak, and Mike Unsworth.

Advance regrets: Hsiang-Ping Cha, Susie Garmo, Navi Gonzalez, Stephanie Perentesis

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Welcome to new members – Navidad Gonzalez, Andrea Kepsel, Aaron Tomak – New and old members introduced themselves, library positions, backgrounds, and reasons for being on the committee

### Fall Semester Events

Beal Tour – October 20, 2011 – This was the first time wet, windy weather moved us indoors. There were some glitches, but Peter Carrington’s presentation, “Poisonous Plants and Their Friends” went very well. About 10 people attended.

Oct 27, 2011 - Becky Jo Farrington from Michigan Energy Options in East Lansing

(<http://www.michiganenergyoptions.org/about>, formerly Urban Options) will speak about “How to Achieve Energy Savings”

Nov 29, 2011 - Tremaine Phillips, Chief Program Officer at the Prima Civitas Foundation

(<http://primacivitas.org/About-Us/Mission-Vision> ) will speak on “Michigan's Energy Future”

### Possible Spring Semester 2012 Events

Hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), a method for extracting oil and natural gas: environmental safety and health concerns about this process have emerged and are being debated at the state and national levels in the U.S. - Heidi explained that the person she contacted was willing to present, but his focus would not be the layperson’s perspective that we were hoping for. We decided to postpone an event on fracking (perhaps until Fall 2012) to give us time to learn more locate a speaker.

Michelle will investigate the possibility of a speaker/speakers from MSU Surplus and Recycling and bring information to the November 22 meeting

Moving MSU from coal dependency – Kriss will check with Lauren Olson, Office of Campus Sustainability

May Beal Garden tour – Peter Carrington agreed to do another lunchtime tour on May 17th, no topic yet

Kriss said we need to find Kate’s draft of what to do to prepare for and coordinate events for a speaker, update it, and add it to the LEC wiki for easy reference. She will find it, send it to all committee members, and we will all work on updating it. Belated thanks to Kate for writing it!

### Earth Day Activities

Display –Aaron and Andrea volunteered and will think of a focus for the next meeting. Some past displays were biodiversity, landscape art. Someone asked if there are Lansing area eco-tours. Un-related to LEC, Susan said she will be working on a display about the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring, in which MSU’s use of DDT was a sad chapter. Kriss emailed Anita to confirm which display case(s) we have in 2012 and in future years.

Beal Tour – Peter Carrington agreed to do “Spring Ephemerals” on Thursday, April 14, 2012

Recycling Game – target date is Friday, April 15. Heidi will coordinate and Michelle will help and provide eBooks with QR codes.

EcoGram – Michelle will do the monthly EcoGram to let staff know about the LEC wiki. The November EcoGram will be about holiday recycling, alternative sales, etc.

LEC assistance with recycling at library events

assist with recycling at the EBS demo today – Heidi and Kriss can help

Dec 12 – LSA asked LEC to wash dishes at Sara’s retirement party, 12/12/11 2-4pm. Susan and Kriss volunteered.

Next meeting – November 22 – Hsiang-Ping will chair, Suz will take notes