

Fairfield Earth Day Committee
Meeting Minutes January 13, 2016

Attending: Mary Hogue, Larry Kaley, Audrey Sciuto, Mike Zembruski

Called to order 9:06am

Minutes approved from last meeting.

Film Festival discussed: Funds for Open Sesame Film sponsored by Library approved with FEDC contribution under \$200 approved.

Larry suggested contacting Union of Concerned Scientists for panel discussions and Dr. Poincelet from Fairfield U. Audrey suggested the Green SHUs, the environmental group from SHU.

Mary talked about signage for trees being developed throughout the town working with Forestry and Bike-Ped Committees, CETF, and Fairfield Museum. There will be one look and feel to the signs, and they are to be paid for by grant funding.

Mary told about redesign of the town green. There is thought to build it up as more of a gathering place. There will be a traffic study done before moving forward.

Objective350 student group has said they want to be more involved in FEDC efforts.

Dave is doing research on packaging. Is hoping for a new date on the cancelled trip to Wheelabrator.

Mike noted that everything could be recycled in Fairfield except plastic bags.

Mary suggested we increase outreach and make connections with other groups and encouraged people to go to the upcoming Mill River Wetlands Meeting, on Tuesday, 2/23, 7pm Memorial Room, Main Library; Fairfield's new Conservation Director, Brian Carey, is the keynote speaker.

Larry is heading up FEDC recruitment effort.

Banners will be updated and in the same locations, Sherman Green, FLHS, FWHS, with new locations of Shop Rite and Libraries. Notices should start to be sent out to online calendars, Town Calendar, and school calendars.

Larry suggested that Teachers should get more involved in Earth Day getting kids to do productions.

Maritime Motors will be 10 years sponsoring Earth Day in Fairfield. A big deal should be made! All ideas welcome.

Mary talked about the survey to be sent out to exhibitors, and asked if any of the language should be changed. It was recommended that there be a freeform comments section.

Exhibitors are interested in who is coming. Audrey noted that they tried to have people sign in but that didn't work. Suggestion to use iPads to do attendee surveys at event.

Audrey asked about the video.

Larry suggested we do a fundraiser, a Green Ball, including local business, for 20-year anniversary next year.

Audrey could use some volunteers to do crafts, making refrigerator magnets, bookmarks, paper hats etc. all out of recycled material

Mary asked for reports on Film Festival, Packaging and Recruitment for next meeting.

Mary noted that, like Scott Thompson of CETF, whom did a Continuing Education class on Electric Vehicles, the Forestry Committee was considering doing a Continuing Education class in the fall on how to care for trees. Perhaps FEDC would like to do classes in the fall as well?

Meeting adjourned 10:55am