

# Library Environmental Committee Minutes

March 22, 2016

Present: Loretta Crum, Tim Kiser, Patrick Olson (chair), Susan Kendall, Katie Emery, Stephanie Perentesis (recorder)

## 1. ZeroWasteMania updates

- a. Push to reduce plastic and Styrofoam cups?
  - This is primarily a Sparty's business decision over which we have no control; however, we will pursue possibilities to encourage more sustainable container use in the library
  - Pat will follow up with staff member who raised the concern
- b. Compost bins erroneously placed under recycling signs
  - For the remaining week of ZWM, committee members will move compost bin to alleviate contamination
  - We will consider better ways to take advantage of ZWM signs—and the convenience of a higher composting station

## 2. Be Spartan Green Earth Day Gala, Wednesday, April 20, 3:00-5:00 PM Kellogg Center

- Eric is interested in attending again this year and will represent us along with any other committee members who wish to attend

## 3. Kitchen help for Faculty Book Reception, Wednesday, April 13, 4 West/Green Rm

- Eric, Susan and other committee members at the reception will help when their other FBR duties permit

## 4. Update sign on can and bottle collection bin?

- Bins near Technical Services and in the Business Library will be removed and items returned
- Any money from returnables will go to the Library Staff Association

## 5. New business

- Eric will participate in the library waste sort scheduled at the Recycling Center on Thursday, March 24, 1 p.m. Anyone else interested should email Eric
- Beal tours begin on Thursday, April 14, 12:10-12:50 p.m. and run through October 2016

- Katie asked who determines library-wide initiatives such as installation of filtered water fountains? LEC can initiate investigation and action. Katie will start polling Business Library staff and patrons for suggested environmental action in the branch

## 6. Ecogram

- Forthcoming Ecogram is “Trash Talk” and may feature results of the waste audit or photographs picture “Walking the EcoWalk”

## Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Rm 442W; Eric Tans, chair; Aaron Tomak, recorder