

## **Library Environmental Committee Meeting 4/28/2015**

Rotating Chair: Susan Kendall; Rotating Recorder: Jonah Magar

Present: Heidi Schroeder, Aaron Tomak, Eric Tans, Kriss Ostrom, Emilia Marcyk, Stephanie Perentesis

### **1. Earth Day Debrief**

a. Recycling game – fewer participants than in the past; location had many pedestrians pass but not stop, just going through the building. Holding it by Sparty's or in the Writing Center would work better.

b. Bike Open House – not very well attended, probably due to limited PR and that Ref. Instruction is relatively hidden from many patrons' view.

Next time: Start working earlier to plan info distribution; move location to more prominent space.

c. Raise awareness about library endeavors like this by going outside of the building.

### **2. Earth Day Green Gala** – Awards given to groups, individuals; Library awarded "Outstanding Green Space" by Sustainability, for the work we had done over the years.

a. Award handed off to Jay to find a place to display our recycled green glass award; we will look into touting this award and/or event photos on the LEC website.

b. Earth Day plans for next year: Possible brown bag event with publicity throughout the U. Frank Telewski walking tour of campus trees?

### **3. Bike** – It's ready for staff members to check out!

a. Jonah held two events in North Conference. Interested people stopped by to see the bike and talk about bike commuting, laws, operating the features of the Lib. Bike.

b. Kriss has procedures ready. The bike may be checked out after a library staff member signs the agreement. Staff member must provide his/her own helmet. **Unfortunately, recreational use will not be allowed, due to insurance coverage liability concerns.**

c. The calendar reservation system is live. Users may reserve the bike using the calendar "Bike" in Outlook, after adding the calendar. (To see the calendar: Open Outlook and go to your personal calendar. Click "Open Calendar" at center top, choose "From Room List," click on "Bike," click "Apply." Next time you go to your Outlook calendar, you will see "Bike" in the list under your personal calendar. Check the box to the left of "Bike" to show the Bike Calendar and reserve it. Block the time, allowing time before your meeting to check it out and ride there -- and time after to return to the library and return it to Circ. Make sure to put your name in the reservation entry because Circ staff will need to know who reserved it.)

### **4. Composting Pilot update** – It's going well!

a. Email to go out to staff to make them aware of newly placed bins

b. Kriss will check with Area Studies on 2E

c. Bin from Staff Lounge will be removed now that the area is closed.

5. **New trash collection letter** from MSU Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (formerly MSU Physical Plant) – Kriss will follow up with IPF/Library Facilities clarify necessity vs. request to move towards centralized departmental trash collection, rather than trash cans at staff individual desks.
6. **Update from the April “MSU Energy Future Panel”** (Eric) – Energy use on campus was discussed and how it will be increasing (due to FRIB). At the same time, there will be more of a push to decrease environmental footprint. The big announcement: coal won’t be burned after 2016. This will be converted mostly over to natural gas, but will also be relying on some alternative energy.
7. **LSA Funds:**
  - We will reimburse Hsiang-Ping for her annual cookie dough expenditure (which she used to bake cookies as prizes for LEC Earth Day recycling game for several years).
  - LEC will no longer collect for-deposit bottles/cans in the staff lounge for our LEC.. Bottles and cans have been pilfered and with Eric’s new position (and funds to purchase environmental material), LEC will no longer need funds to purchase environmental material. We will talk about what to do with the remaining funds (about \$150) at next month’s meeting.
8. **New Business**
  - a. New staff orientations – any who expressed interest have been orientated.
  - b. Due to recent resignations from LEC and an upcoming retirement, we need to recruit new members: A call for expressions of interest will be sent to library staff (Aaron).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** LEC members expressed our very sincere **thanks** for the many years of hardworking LEC service to **Mike Unsworth and Hsiang-ping Cha**.

- c. This month’s EcoGram will include information about staff recycling options at Surplus; EL recycling event.
- d. Mid-MEAC Smart Commute 2015: LEC will encourage library staff to participate individually for the MSU Library “Book Pedalers” team, but the LEC won’t coordinate efforts this year.. We will announce details after our May meeting via an EcoGram.

**New LEC meeting schedule**, revised due to member loss:

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| <b>5/26/15</b> | Jonah Magar     | Heidi Schroeder |
| <b>6/23/15</b> | Heidi Schroeder | Eric Tans       |
| <b>7/28/15</b> | Eric Tans       | Emilia Marcyk   |
| <b>8/25/15</b> | Emilia Marcyk   | Aaron Tomak     |

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| <b>9/22/15</b>  | Aaron Tomak          | Stephanie Perentesis |
| <b>10/27/15</b> | Stephanie Perentesis | Susan Kendall        |
| <b>11/24/15</b> | Susan Kendall        | Jonah Magar          |
| <b>12/22/15</b> | Cancelled?           |                      |

Next meeting: May 26 – Chair: Jonah / Recorder: Heidi