

Manitowoc Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2015*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Reisenbuechler at 5:00 pm.

Members present

Jon Reisenbuechler, Tony Fodden, Adam Becker, Judi Northen

Guests

Bev Rawling

Member Updates

Recycling Center: Jon announced that:

- Drive-through Hazardous Waste Collection will be on May 16th at the County Highway Department, and:
- Compost sites are open. There is a limited amount of sifted compost available.

MPU: Adam reported:

- A steam heating system is being installed at the facility, and:
- Although he will not be present at Earth Day, MPU will be represented.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Environment Committee (GLOBE):

- Judi and Bev gave updates and stated that the past few meetings have been devoted to planning the two Earth Day celebrations (Manitowoc YMCA on April 25th, and the GLOBE members' climate change talks on April 26th). Future vision for GLOBE will include becoming more active in bringing environmental awareness to the community by encouraging Fellowship leaders and congregation to become more involved with Earth-centered and legislative issues.
- *Grow It Forward*
Michael Pearson and his team will be building the garden on April 25th, so will not be present at our Earth Day event. Jon stated that the Recycling Center will be donating compost to the project.

Educational Materials

Availability of funds is a concern, and discussion centered around low or no-cost methods of getting the word out about our Committee and its interests and activities. Suggestions included an e-newsletter, or periodic newspaper articles. Tony stated that the Lakeshore Chronicle would publish 4 articles per year. Judi will contribute a native plantings article that she wrote for the UU newsletter, and at a later date will collaborate with Margaret Gerhard on one specifically about Yardening.

Earth Day

Tony distributed table layout diagrams for the gym area. He announced that the tables will be about 5' long. The Best Western hotel will provide extra tables if needed.

Adam brought up the pedal-powered generator bicycle and the fact that since it's difficult to pedal, he would like to make the bike more kid-friendly for future events.

Woodland Dunes will need to bring in their equipment Friday night, but not set up until Saturday morning. Therefore their equipment will be stored in the conference room to be set up on Saturday by their volunteer. The room will be cleared out in time for Bev to set up for her Family Music Workshop.

Bev has planned music for the entire event with the exception of the times that demonstrations will be taking place near her area.

Someone from our Committee will be available to help participants find their table locations and offer any assistance they may need, including those who require electrical connections.

Jon spoke about event promotion, which includes FaceBook, radio, newsletter, and internet (via the Recycling Center Website).

Next Earth Day planning meeting will be Monday, April 21st at 10:00 am.

Next Sustainability Committee Meeting will be scheduled at a later date, and possibly consist of a tour of Woodland Dunes or the Grow It Forward garden.

Today's meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Note: Since the Committee had no quorum today, these minutes merely describe discussion which took place, and will be re-visited at our next formal meeting, date and time to be announced.