

UTMSI GREEN TEAM- September 11, 2014

PRESENT – Katie, Christina, Xana, Amanda, Tracy, Meredith, Stephanie, Candace, Liz, Sara, John

TREASURER REPORT

- Account: \$991.01
- Cash Box: \$160.45

OLD BUSINESS

- Bike Rentals
 - There are lots of bikes that look usable.
 - GSA voted to purchase 2 bikes per semester (yay!). We need to make sure that these bikes are going to students only (not to post-docs, visiting scientists, etc.).
 - **ACTION: Katie, email John, Matt, and Claire about the bikes.**
- DVD Purchases
 - Liz purchased 6 new films
 - Play Again
 - Water on the Table
 - Addicted to Plastic
 - The End of the Line
 - Tapped
 - The Crabs, the Birds, and the Bay
 - Plus the other two recent purchases
 - A Fierce Green Fire
 - The Wisdom to Survive
- Film Series
 - Colleen will send an email once she knows the status of the Port Aransas Community Theater – she is waiting to see if they will let us use it again.
 - We will start in the winter and do at least 4, with one per month, Dec-Mar
 - **ACTION – everyone needs to pick their movie and think of a guest speaker to go along with that movie.**
 - **ACTION – everyone needs to let Liz know of other movies that you think we should purchase**
- Skip the Plastic Update
 - Bags still available (talk to Rae).
 - **ACTION: EVERYONE, PLEASE COME TO CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 5:00PM TO REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF BANNING THE PLASTIC BAG IN PORT ARANSAS!!! WEAR GREEN!!**
- Green Team Challenge
 - We need ideas on how to get people excited about this and how to get people to participate... Lots of people ride their bikes, but do not enter their info into the chart.
 - We could put a bike map on everyone's windshield and/or we could put them on the table by admin.
 - **ACTION – Katie, send out an email at the first of every month. You can also attach a JPEG screen saver to remind people to bike.**
 - Ramp people up!
- Fundraiser

- Silent Auction- February 7th, 2015
 - ACTION – **Candace**, talk to Kip.
- Glass Recycling
 - Saturday- Padre Island – 9/15/2014 – Thank you, Stephanie and John!!
 - Should we be thinking about glass recycling containers? Or at least about using warehouse storage space to put boxes of bottles in there? Because we want to be able to lift the containers into a truck, and the glass would be too heavy in a large container.
- Business Center Recycling
 - Meredith update – Andrea will take anything, but boxes. We are working to find an indoor space. As of now, Steve said that he wanted it outside, but if we get nice containers, then it could work in that office where shipping/receiving is, because we want a place for people to put the packing materials, but also be able to come and use some of those packing materials. There are stackable containers that Meredith found and if we bought 4, then there is the potential to be able to take two to deliver to the Business Center, and also have two stay there for people to continue to use.
 - ACTION: **Everyone**, vote on the purchase of the containers.
 - ACTION: **Meredith**, talk to Steve and see if we can do a trial period with the containers inside for recycling packing material.
 - ACTION: **Meredith**, talk to Steve about storage space for glass in each person's personal container (as in boxes that they beer/wine came in, or paper bag for jars).
- Cleanups
 - The next jetty cleanup will be WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.
 - TGLO Adopt-a-beach Cleanup is September 27th
 - Mission-Aransas NERR's Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Cleanup is September 27th – ACTION: **Everyone**, talk to Colleen if you want to join!!
- Website Updates
 - Rae has changed it up a bit but not finished yet. She has added useful local information and UTMSI recycling info.
 - ACTION: **Rae and Stephanie** need to meet about google analytics.
 - ACTION: **Xana**, let Rae know of other things you have come up with for the Green Team portion of the Port Aransas Student Guidebook.
- Recruitment
 - We need to ask the new faculty!! They cannot attend meetings when we have them on Thursdays because they already have lunches planned for that day.
- T-shirts
 - ACTION: **Candace, Rae, and Meredith** need to get together. Meredith talked to her mom already and it would end up being \$5.00/shirt... But that price will vary because we wanted 3 different colors.
 - It was also suggested that we do reusable bags as well.
 - If we order 100 items (mix of bags and shirts), we will end up spending approximately \$500.00. We need to vote on that, and we need to definitely have a fundraiser in February!!
- Green Team Section of the Port Aransas Student Guidebook
 - Xana is compiling these things.
 - Tracy asked (via Deana) if there was a place to recycle pipette containers, or if they can just go in with the other plastic. What about lab plastic?

- Organic Produce Box
 - Christine, who used to bring them from Rockport, has moved to Port Aransas and is no longer picking them up. But Xana has offered to do so now, so the produce box option is still available.
- Green Team Hero Award
 - Stephanie is going to send out MSI-ALL emails soon calling for nominations.
 - At the November meeting, we will need to vote on the winner. The vote will be based on the nominations, but we need to remember that we are trying to get outside people involved, so if we are able to choose a non-green team member, then we should.
 - **ACTION: everyone send in a nomination!**

UPCOMING DATES

- **Sept. 18** Port Aransas City Council Meeting @ 5:00 PM
- **Sept. 27** ANWR Cleanup
- **Sept. 27** Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup
- **Oct. 2** CWMA Town Hall Meeting @5:30 PM
- **Oct. 11** Egery Flats Cleanup at 8:00 AM (Leaving MSI at 7:00 AM)
- **Oct. 29** MSI Jetty Cleanup
- **Nov. 5** **NEXT GREEN TEAM MEETING AT NOON**
- **Feb. 7** Green Team Auction at The Gaff