

**Attendees:**

Kiersten Madden  
Britt Dean  
Lisa Havel  
Katie Swanson  
Rachel Mills  
Colleen McCue  
Chad Leister  
Sara Pelleteri  
Rae Mooney  
Sally Morehead  
Jena Campbell

**\* Next Green Team meeting will be held Friday, Apr 1 @ 12:00 in the Blue Room \***  
**\* Sally & Britt have signed up to bring treats to the next meeting \***

I. Announcements

- Feb 12: Adopt-A-Beach Regional Cleanups at Egery Flats, Lighthouse Lakes Park, Port Aransas Beach (Ave G)
- Feb 19: Abandoned Crab Trap Removal at Conn Brown Harbor and Goose Island State Park – contact Kiersten if you are interested
- Plots are available at the Port Aransas Community Garden – contact Pam Greene at the Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Office (361-749-4158) if you are interested
- March 19: Big Shell Cleanup – Katie will send out more information closer to the event
- March 26: One-day glass recycling in Corpus Christi – Kiersten will find out more information and email UTMSI
- March 12: ARK Treasure Sale – Kiersten will make sure Tony's announcement is sent to all UTMSI staff

II. Progress Report

- Jetty Cleanup:
  - 5 people attended the Jetty Cleanup on Sat, Jan 22
  - Cleanups will be moved back to Wednesday nights after work since low light levels are no longer a problem

- Group discussed the lack of attendance at the winter cleanups – consensus was to hold less cleanups in the winter since attendance has been poor and to concentrate our efforts during the summer when usage of the jetty is higher
- UTMSI Bike Gang:
  - Competition will begin again in March – Kiersten will make signup sheets and send out email
  - Alternate prizes will be offered for individuals that have already won t-shirts – Britt will look for donations from local vendors
- Recycling program:
  - Aluminum cans were delivered to Aransas Pass – received \$28.60
  - Plastics were delivered to Port A Recycling Center
  - Green Team will need to find new storage location for recycling if green house is used for graduate student research project
  - Kiersten will notify everyone of the new storage location when it goes into effect; please continue to place recycling in the green house until that time
- Green Team fundraiser:
  - Silent auction & raffle have been moved to late March/early April
  - Chad will contact the Gaff about hosting the event
  - Kiersten will email Green Team members about donating items for auction
- Bottled water:
  - Steve, Lee, Chad, Sara, Kathy, and Pat met to discuss the use of bottled water at UTMSI
  - There has been an agreement to try and use less bottled water at events (but the group recognized that the same approach may not work for every meeting or event)
  - Steve has agreed to order several large Brita water filters and reusable cups that can be used at events
  - Chad will check with Steve on the status of the Brita filters and see if these will be available by time of the Texas Bays and Estuaries Meeting (early April)
- Invasive species brochure:
  - Katie checked with Port A Business Center on the cost of printing the brochures – color, glossy, tri-fold: 500 = \$175, 1000 = \$182 (plus a 10% discount)
  - Print runner, overnightprint.com, and Vista print were suggested as other potential options – Katie will look into these other options
- Green Team One-pager:
  - Colleen and Kiersten will develop one-pager for the Green Team

III. Group Report Out – groups were formed to discuss ways to increase involvement from the different sectors working at UTMSI (e.g., students, staff, and faculty); the ideas from each group are listed below

- Students:
  - Make a brief presentation to the students in the UTMSI core classes each semester – Rachel will discuss the possibility of doing this for the current semester with Peter Thomas
  - Make presentation at the REU and undergraduate orientation sessions – Kiersten will check with REU coordinator and admin about this possibility
  - Make presentation to the perspective grad students – Chad will include this in the presentation that he will be making
  - Post calendar that list community events (including Green Team events) near the student mail boxes – Rachel and Lisa will check with the administration about this possibility
  
- Staff:
  - Offer food/treats at every meeting – Sally and Britt have signed up for the next meeting
  - Sara P. will bring up the Green Team at monthly supervisor’s meeting
  - Move every other meeting (total of 3 meetings a year) to working hours; this will require approval from supervisors to allow staff to attend
  
- Faculty:
  - Make a presentation at the faculty meeting about the Green Team accomplishments and upcoming activities – Kiersten will check with Lee about this possibility
  - Conduct a “needs assessment” of the faculty to determine what initiatives they are interested in working on with the Green Team
  - Chad will discuss with Steve the possibility of having a semester- or year-long competition with a “green lab” award – points would be awarded for things like recycling lab materials, biking/walking/carpooling to work, attending Green Team meetings and cleanups, saving energy, etc.
  
- Other ideas:
  - Send out general reminder about Green Team to all of UTMSI once or twice a year
  - Find a “champion” in custodial, grounds/maintenance, and faculty that will promote the Green Team ideas and activities within their sector
  - Include reminder to “tell 2 people” about upcoming Green Team meeting in email announcements
  - Tell others at UTMSI about the Green Team and continually ask them to come to meetings and other events