

GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES – 5.14.2014

PRESENT: Katie, Colleen, Lisa, Charlie, Julie, Candace

- Jetty Clean-up: We need to schedule another jetty cleanup
 - ACTION: Amanda, please schedule another cleanup and be sure to invite the new graduate students and REU students.
- The Bike Challenge has begun, but there is not a lot of participation.
 - ACTION: Katie, email the people who bike to work every day – Ken, Ed, Marg, etc., to encourage them to sign the sheet.
 - Maybe we can have a pub crawl to kick off the next round of the event – June 27th
 - ACTION: John, please incorporate this with the GSA Happy Hour event too.
 - Start and end at Gaff, Gaff → Upper Deck → Giggidity → Shortys → Salty Dog → Gaff
 - Prizes for most festive bike → Do we want a theme? If so, email Katie with ideas.
- Glass recycling: The next glass recycling is scheduled for September 13th in North Padre Island.
 - ACTION: Someone, volunteer to take the glass.
- Green Team Movie Series:
 - We have two new films – *A Fierce Green Fire*; *The Wisdom to Survive*
 - Being sent to Austin to be cataloged
 - Suzanne McCann also mentioned that she has an ANTI-GMO Movie that she has the education rights to, so we could show it.
 - James from the Trinity Church also suggested that we show *Noah* because it is linked to climate change – thought it might be tough to get the rights to show that one.
 - Kristin told Katie that there is a new movie about Eco-Tourism in Costa Rica, and the cost to get the rights is only \$15.00
 - Liz is looking into getting this movie (and another).
 - It was suggested that we extend it to more than just 4 months.
 - ACTION: Colleen, think about the feasibility of having the Movie Series at PACT for more than just 4 months.
 - We also need to have better advertising...
 - Maybe we can have a sign-up sheet for Green Team members to select which Port Aransas establishments they want to visit to hang up flyers – that way we are not sending in multiple people to the same store and are not making just one person do all of the work.
 - Flyers around MSI as well and reminder emails (maybe just 1 to MSI all the day of the meeting)
 - Katie talked to Linda Fuiman (following the meeting), she was willing to use her name and contacts to get the news about the movie out into the public
 - Need better advertising with South Jetty
- Skip the Plastics – Port A: There was another City Council meeting on May 15th that people attended
 - STP-Port A will mention how the mayor of Rockport has made Memorial Day Weekend into Skip the Plastic Weekend.
 - Green Team voted to purchase 25 bags (\$100)
 - They are currently being printed

- The Planeteers are doing the Adopt-A-HWY 361 cleanup from CVS to the Birding Center on May 18th at 3:00 PM.
 - **ACTION: Anyone and everyone, meet in the CVS parking on Sunday (5/18) at 3:00 PM if you want to help with the cleanup.**
- What should we do about recruiting new people?
 - We can put flyers (¹/₄ of page) into everyone's mailbox at UTMSI.
 - We can put the Green Team Bumper Sticker into everyone's mailbox at UTMSI (on the back it would have the date/time/place of the next meeting.
 - **ACTION: Katie, count the stickers and see if we need to order more.**
 - **Also hang flyers around MSI about next meeting → mention we don't care if you are here for 1 day or 10 years, come share ideas and thoughts with the Green Team**
- What should we do about getting people more excited?
 - It was suggested that we bring in guest speakers to talk at the beginning of the meeting so that the people who come will learn something new.
 - Another suggestion was to show a different Story of Stuff, or to show a TED Talk.
 - It was suggested that maybe every 6 months we could meet after work for a potluck – that way we are not limited to one hour, it will be more relaxed, and there will be food and drink.
 - We decided that the next meeting should be after work on a Wednesday and have it be a pot-luck... This can be the way that we introduce new members to the Green Team.
- Colleen mentioned that Janice was upset about all of the plastic water bottles that are in the dorms. We should put a recycling bin in the dorms.
 - **ACTION: Colleen, talk to Pat and see what we need to do.**
 - **ACTION: Katie print recycling signs for the containers**
- We have spent a lot of money on things – pizza at the Gaff, printing cost; bike repairs; reusable bags; candy (for sale in the ERC Kitchen)
 - **ACTION: Colleen, bring the cookies over to the ERC to sell.**
 - **UPDATE: we are doing just fine.**
- We need to send Thank-You Cards to the people who helped us with the movie series (Darlene and Mike of PACT; Tony Amos)
 - **ACTION: Katie needs to make them.**
 - **ACTION: We all need to sign the cards for them.**

• We need to elect a new Treasurer, so let Katie know if you would like to fill that role.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15 City Hall Meeting in Port Aransas
- May 18 Port A High School Planeteers Adopt-A-HWY Cleanup. Meet at CVS
- June 8 World Ocean's Day
- June 14 UTMSI's Celebration of World Ocean's Day
- June 27 Green Team Bicycle Pub Crawl – Start at the Gaff, then head to Giggity's, then to Shorty's, then to Salty Dog, and finally end back at the Gaff
- **July 9 NEXT GREEN TEAM MEETING – WILL BE IN THE EVENING (POT LUCK AT TBD)**