

Attendees:

Kiersten Madden
Chad Leister
Rae Mooney
Jena Campbell
Sally Morehead
Edward Farrell
Britt Dean
Liz DeHart
Aubrey Lashaway

*** Next Green Team meeting will be held Friday, Aug 5 @ 12:00 in the Blue Room ***

*** We need a volunteer to sign up to bring snacks – Please contact Kiersten if you are willing ***

I. Announcements

- Need to schedule a summer Jetty cleanup for the month of July – Kiersten will send out an email
- Need to schedule an invasive/aggressive plant removal at the WEC – Kiersten will send out a Doodle for scheduling
- CD Recycling Program
 - Some UTMSI employees have expressed an interest in recycling CDs (both the CDs themselves and the cases)
 - Several different recycling options are available for CDs (#7 plastic): Corpus Christi recycling program, deliver to Austin disposal center, pay for shipping to specific CD recycling program
 - Need to gauge general interest in CD recycling before we begin another program – Kiersten will send out an institute-wide email

II. Progress Report

- Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup:
 - Despite the windy conditions, we had 15 volunteers show up to pick up litter on the South Jetty from 9:00 – 11:30 as part of the Spring 2011 Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup
- Green Team Fundraiser:
 - The Green Team Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle was a huge success – we raised just over \$1,700!!
 - Thank you cards were sent to the Gaff, Matt Khosh, and several local businesses/individuals that made donations
- Kiwanis presentation:

- Kiersten gave a presentation to the Port Aransas Kiwani's Club about the UTMSI Green Team on June 1
- Following the presentation, members primarily asked questions about (1) limits on the Port Aransas recycling (particularly cardboard and glass) and (2) the possibility of placing recycling bins throughout the city

III. Expanding Efforts to the Port Aransas Community

- Discussed ideas for expanding efforts into the Port Aransas community:
 - Give presentation on Green Team to city officials/employees – Kiersten and Chad
 - Become more involved with Keep Port Aransas Beautiful – TBD
 - Make a presentation to Rotary Club – TBD
 - Need to look into purchasing or developing recycling bins for the WEC – use these as an example for potential bins to be used by the city - TBD
 - We should consider having a “unique” design to the bins that is unique to Port Aransas (e.g., tarpon, sand castle, etc.)
 - If the city becomes involved, we could develop a contest for the design of the bins
 - Work with Post Office to improve recycling effort – TBD
 - Draft articles for the newspaper (e.g., article about recycling at the Post Office) – TBD
 - Look into coordinating with the Corpus Christi glass recycling event for glass recycling event in Port Aransas – TBD
 - Host a seminar and invite the community – TBD
 - Potential topic: panel of city officials to answer questions about recycling programs

IV. Officer Elections

- Nominations for Green Team officers were accepted at the meeting
 - President: Kiersten Madden
 - Vice President: Rae Mooney
 - Treasurer: Sally Morehead
 - Secretary: Jena Campbell
- Each nominee has accepted their nomination
- Since none of the positions received more than one nomination, there is no need to hold an election

V. New Business

- Formation of a “Cup Crew” – Britt as volunteered to organize a group of 3-4 volunteers that will be responsible for bringing the “recycled mugs” to all seminars and coffee/cookie breaks
- Organize an REU/Undergraduate Welcome Event to increase involvement (could be during cookie time, lunch, following seminar, etc.); need to try to do this as soon as possible – Kiersten & Lindsay