

Green Team Minutes
08/03/12

Attendees:

Kiersten Madden
Katie Swanson
Lisa Havel
Joseph Aizen
Jena Campbell
Liz DeHart
Ellen Knapke
Catherine Buchalski

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 5 in the Estuarine Research Center Conference Room

****Need a volunteer to bring snacks to the next meeting – email Kiersten if you're willing to do this****

I. Announcements

- Glass Recycling in Corpus Christi: Aug 11, 9:00am-3:00pm @ Wal-Mart in Calallen
- The Green Team showing of the movie Bag It: Aug 16, 5:30 in the ERC Seminar Room; Pizza will be provided
- GLO Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup: Sept 22, 9:00am-12:00pm; PLEASE NOTE: The Green Team discussed hosting a Jetty Cleanup on Sept 5, but the cleanup will be rescheduled to coincide with the GLO Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup instead

II. Progress Report

- “The Challenge”:
 - The second quarter of “The Challenge” is complete
 - 26 people participated
 - 18 people reached the goal of 15 days
 - 7 individuals biked, walked, or carpoled to work at least 45 days!
 - The third quarter of “The Challenge” is already underway – keep biking, walking, and carpooling to work!
 - We drew names to determine the winners for the second quarter and they were:
 - Philip Bucolo
 - Nathan McTigue
 - Gary Kosmas
 - Joseph Aizen
 - **Need a volunteer to purchase four prizes that each cost \$25. Please email Kiersten if you would like to volunteer and she will give you the details on purchasing items for the Green Team.**

- Movie Series:
 - The Green Team will be sponsoring screenings of several movies this fall/winter:
 - Bag It: Aug 16 @ 5:30 in the ERC Seminar Room – Pizza will be provided!
 - Liz, Rae, Lisa, and Kiersten volunteered to help with the setup for Bag It
 - Sun Come Up: We will try to schedule this for some time in Sept/Oct
 - SWITCH: We will try to schedule this for some time in Nov/Dec (Kiersten will email the movie point of contact to request a screening)
 - The Team also discussed the idea of showing movies in the winter during the weeks prior to the Public Lecture Series
 - Movies could include some of the ones mentioned above, or they could be additional movies that the group finds interesting
 - Will need to do more promotion for these events (i.e., contact local newspapers, publish on website)
 - It was also suggested that we should contact the City of Port Aransas and let them know what we will be doing and see if they want to get involved – Kiersten will contact the Parks and Recreation Department

- Green Team Bike Rentals
 - The Green Team has eight bikes for rent - five of these are already rented to MSI staff
 - Potential for an additional three bikes to be added to the bike rental pool – waiting on delivery of two and the third needs to be checked for major problems
 - Have received requests for a “bike repair station”
 - Joseph will place a pump in the cubicles for use by MSI employees
 - Colleen will be keeping track of the bike rentals since Ellen is graduating
 - Colleen will send a reminder email to all the individuals that are currently renting bikes and let them know that they need to pay \$5 for the fall semester

- Recycling in MSI Housing:
 - Since MSI now provides a Green Recycling Dumpster on campus, the Green Team will no longer provide recycling containers at the Beach Street Apartments and Wilson Cottages
 - If residents choose to recycle, they will be required to bring their own recycling to the Green Dumpster in the physical plant yard
 - **Signs indicating which items can be recycled and a map showing the location of the MSI Green Dumpster will be posted in the laundry rooms at each housing facility – need a volunteer for this task**
 - Kiersten will post the recycling flyer and a map of the Green Dumpster location on the intranet
 - Lisa will email Steve Lanoux and let him know that this is happening. She will also request that information about recycling procedures be put into the lease agreement and housing packet.

III. New Business

- MSI Environmental Hero
 - The group decided that they would still like to pursue this idea
 - The award will be given on an annual basis and will be presented at one of the MSI awards ceremonies
 - **A committee needs to be formed to (1) develop a nomination form, (2) identify evaluation criteria, and (3) design an award – need volunteers to help on this committee**

- Green Team Stickers
 - The Team would like to order stickers with the Green Team logo
 - Before we order, the Team would like to try and design a new logo – Kiersten will contact John Mohan about taking on this task