

**Attendees:**

Kiersten Madden  
Sally Morehead  
Lisa Havel  
Gary Kosmas  
Colleen McCue  
Rae Mooney  
Katie Swanson  
Ellen Knapke

**\* Next Green Team meeting will be held Friday, Dec 2 @ 12:00 in the Estuarine Research Center \***  
**\* I need a volunteer to sign up to bring snacks to the next meeting \***

I. Announcements

- Glass recycling event: Saturday, Oct 8, 10:00am-2:00pm
- GSA and the Green Team will host a “Holiday Décor Exchange” on Nov 16 @ 12:00 in the Rec Room
- Will schedule next Jetty Cleanup after the Holidays

II. Progress Report

- The Green Team hosted “Coffee and Cookies” at the Estuarine Research Center on Sept 20.
  - Thank you to Jena, Aubrey, and Katie for providing the treats!
- The Green Team hosted a booth at the Keep Port Aransas Beautiful Appreciation Night.
  - Thank you to Jena, Aubrey, Lisa, Rae, Katie, Colleen, and Rachel for making food and/or working the booth – our “Gulf Coast” food/drink was a hit!
- Bike Gang competition is underway for the month of October (must ride 14 days)
  - Need volunteers to help buy prizes for second/third time winners – you will be reimbursed from the Green Team account
  - Gary will look into getting a donation from Potters on Cotter for a prize
- Discussed potential seminar series:
  - Group decided to try and host the series after the Holidays during the evenings
  - Will focus on targeting specific “audiences” for each movie
  - Colleen will look into potential movies to show
  - Kiersten will contact Rachel to see if she has made any progress on locating potential movies
- Up-cycling project:
  - Rae updated the group on potential “up-cycling” projects

- Group decided to focus on: cork, writing instruments, and coffee bags (?)
- Will target one specific item for a specified time – this will involve sending out an email notifying people about the item being “up-cycled” and will specify a specific collection time/date
- Will hold first collection day after the Holidays
- Need a volunteer to organize the first up-cycling project
- Holiday Décor Exchange
  - GSA and the Green Team will host a “Holiday Décor Exchange” on Nov 16 @ 12:00 in the Rec Room
  - People can bring their old decorations and exchange them with their co-workers
  - Decorations will also be collected by the GSA for use in the Port A Light Parade – they are specifically looking for donations of lights

III. Action items from previous meeting that were not accomplished:

- Recycling:
  - Rae will look into the recycling program at the Port A Post Office and see how we could potentially help them improve their effort (e.g., better signage)
  - Lindsay will look into what is needed to create a plastic bag recycling program at the IGA
- Building & Grounds/Water & Energy Conservation:
  - Look into the possibility to conducting a landscaping project
    - Potential project locations include Beach Street Apartments and Wilson Cottages
    - Kiersten will contact local Master Gardners to see if they would be interested in providing guidance on this type of project
    - Labor and funding would most likely need to be provided by the Green Team
  - Sally will contact the landscape architects for the Estuarine Research Center and see if they would be available to come out and give a presentation on the techniques for taking care of the vegetation to the UTMSI Groundskeepers
  - Kiersten will look into the cost of buying timers for the sprinklers
- Outreach:
  - Develop one-pager that describes recent and upcoming events/projects – designed to be given to the general public and not just Green Team members

IV. Other

- Gary Kosmas (from the Maintenance Crew) requested the Green Team’s support in his efforts to try and improve environmental stewardship in the Physical Plant area
  - The Green Team agreed to support him in whatever way we can