

Green Team Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Present – Katie, Candace, Colleen, Julie, John, Liz, Tracy, Lisa, Rae, Sally

- Amanda is in charge of the Jetty Cleanups. ACTION: **Amanda**, can you start thinking about when the next one should be and let us know? We were thinking it should be sometime close to the end of spring break.
- Next Saturday, March 22nd, is the St. Joe's Cleanup. The jetty boat leaves at 7:30 a.m. if you want a free ride, otherwise you can pay for the 8, 9, or 10 o'clock boat. It should be done around 10:30 or 11am.
- Next Saturday is also the Egery Flats Cleanup. If you want to ride with Katie in a UT vehicle, you need to be here (Under the ERC building) by 6:45 a.m. and contact Katie to let her know.
- The Winners of the Electric Slide were announced. Congrats to monthly winners including Lisa, Colleen, Kiersten, Dana, and Hernando (2 months). Also, Hernando was the overall winner. Yay!!
- It is time for us to start another challenge. We should re-do the Bike Challenge, starting in April. Colleen mentioned that Texas Children in Nature are also taking place in a Million Miles campaign in Texas for the month of April. ACTION: **Colleen** send Katie that information. ACTION: **Katie** hang signs and send out announcement.
- The Glass Recycling is May 10th. Thank you, Deana for taking it last time. Do we have a volunteer for this time? ACTION: **Someone** volunteer! ☺
- The next movie is April 15th and is *The Story of Stuff*. We need to find someone to talk at the end. Rae suggested Tony Amos. ACTION: **Colleen** talk to Tony about his schedule.
- Should we do the Green Team Movie Series again next year?? Some say yes, some say nothing. Maybe we could add a kids night and show *WALL*E*, but the rights to Disney movies are probably expensive. We need to be showing movies that are less than one hour long. The full version of *Bag It* at 74 minutes was a little long. UT Libraries in Austin puts on a series "Research and Pizza" and they show clips of movies and then relate it to research going on. There is also the idea of a Science Café. We need to think more about how to best approach this. ACTION: **Liz** find out what the deal is with the rights to showing movie clips, or if they have the whole movie, and maybe we can do an interlibrary loan to show it down here. Sally also mentioned that a kid movie would need to be at 3:00 PM, not 7:00 PM, and her library shows kids movies. ACTION: **Sally** ask the library about library rights to movies.
- Last night (March 11th) was our 3rd Green Team Movie – *Bag it*. There was a lot of positive feedback from the community and from council members. People present included residents of Port Aransas, Neil McQueen from Skip the Plastics in Corpus Christi, Councilman Steve Lanoux, City Manager Dave Parsons, Mayor Keith McMullin, and representatives from Republic Services (including Mike Reeves). There is definitely interest in a bag ban for Port Aransas. The mayor and council members are on board and they encourage us to talk it up. It was suggested to start a petition. Colleen asked Patty if UTMSI Green Team could start one, and she is checking on it, but we need other options as well, since the likelihood of that being "legal" is slim. The Harbor Island petition was started by Friends of Port A, so maybe they could start this one too? OR, we could start a Skip the Plastics – Port Aransas subchapter. We are sure that Neil would help. ACTION: **Rae** email Neil to talk about the possibility of a Skip the Plastics Port Aransas. We need to form a subcommittee of the Green Team to take this on. Can a lot of this be organized via the internet, as opposed to face-to-face meetings? If we decided to become part of Skip the Plastics Port Aransas, we could also get residents of Port Aransas, including members of Keep Port Aransas Beautiful, UTMSI Green Team, and the Garden Club. What about the Parks and Rec

Dept? Birding Groups? The Chamber? April 17th is the next City Council Meeting. **ACTION: Everyone who lives in Port Aransas needs to show up to this!! They need to see that people want the bag ban!!!** Suggested that we go to the Gaff afterwards and promise pizza to encourage students to come. Are we willing to pay for pizza? **ACTION: Sally**, send out survey Monkey. What agenda item # is the bag ban? **ACTION: Katie** talk to Steve about when the council will bring it up. What about if we did a paper petition also to be able to target both residents and tourists of Port Aransas? That way, the council would see that even tourists would appreciate Port A being more green. **ACTION: Everyone** think about the feasibility of a paper versus electronic petition (or both??). Also, Mike Reeves mentioned to Colleen that they are thinking of installing or creating an art project explaining that those green bins are for recycling only. **ACTION: Everyone** let Colleen know if you know of people who would want to take that on.

- Colleen and Liz were also brainstorming about having a movie/pizza party for UTMSI to show the movie *Bag It*. It could be at Lunch Time... We could offer pizza. **ACTION: Sally** put another pizza question in Survey Monkey ~\$400.00. We also should have a version that is less than 74 minutes. **ACTION: Rae** look for a 45 minute version of *Bag It*. **ACTION: Candace** ask GP people if they have it. It will need to be cleared by Bob and Steve for supervisors to allow/encourage people to attend. Maybe Bob would split the cost with us if it is promoted as a workplace morale booster? **ACTION: Colleen** talk to Bob about hosting a movie day during lunch. Can we have an incentive, such as UTMSI winning an award or something? **ACTION: Candace** look into any awards that might be given to our campus.
- The green team website is live and good to go (www.Utmsi.utexas.edu/greenteam)!! **ACTION: Rae** update the website. **ACTION: Katie** teach Rae.
- What about the Environmental Hero Award? The last one was in 2012... We could have one by the All Hands Meeting? Or the Christmas party? This needs to be an item of discussion for our next meeting. **ACTION: Katie and Sally** please add to agenda for next meeting.
- If you are doing any volunteer work – green team meetings, jetty cleanups, whooping crane festival, etc. – you need to be recording your hours. **ACTION: Everyone** send Katie an email when you do any sort of volunteer work as a green team member.
- We are spreading ourselves too thin... we need to start to focus on one big project and see it through to fruition. That being said, the Trash Summit has been put on hold and we will focus on the campaign to ban plastic bags.
- Green Team Bikes. **ACTION: John** send out a reminder to those who have bikes that they need to pay each semester. We are getting bikes back that are not in that great of shape. We should start charging a deposit (perhaps \$20.00) plus the \$10.00 fee per semester (Spring, Summer, and Fall), so that they will return the bike in good shape or risk losing the deposit. If we are going to do this, then we need to make sure that all of the bikes are good to go before leasing out. John will need money to do this. **ACTION: Sally** include ~\$150 to John for bike repair in the Survey Monkey. John will take these to John Scott. **ACTION: John** ask John Scott if he will give UTMSI biker renters a discounts since we will send everyone to him who needs to fix their bike. John will need to be with the person to check out the bike, so they can look it over together, and take a picture with the bike so we know when one they are taking. If people have a bike checked out then they need to put a post-it on the bike so we don't come reclaim it for the repairs. **ACTION: John** email people so they claim their bike or not before you start repairs. We also need to keep the bikes locked up. **ACTION: Rae** look for the bike lock you have to donate.

- UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- March 22 Egery Flats Cleanup
- March 22 St. Joe's Cleanup
- March 29 Women in Marine Science with the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas
- April 1 beginning of the bike challenge
- April 11 *tentative* movie and pizza day (Bag It)
- April 12 Earth Day Bay Day
- April 15 last movie in Green Team Series – The Story of Stuff
- April 19 Rockport Bay Day
- April 22 Earth Day
- **May 14 Next Green Team Meeting**