

# Sustain Greenville Meeting

8/8/19

**Present:** Paul, John, Roni, Lisa, Jim

**Called to order** by Lisa Urbaniak at 6:38 pm

**Approval** of June 2019 minutes: Roni motioned, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Treasure report:** None

**Sustainable Communities Network:** 9/5 is the next meeting. Government ordinances and active. Electric car ride and drive through Renew WI with Evergreen CUs support was a success. More electric car rides coming in September. December Greenville to host. Rain garden will be discussed. Agenda will be sent out by Roni.

**Electronic Recycling Event:** Collected 5726 pounds this year. Rain put a damper on things as the market vendors had to pack up and leave. Plan to repeat with Recycle That Stuff next year. It has been a good working relationship for both parties.

**Farmer's Market:** Christus LC is happy with the market and has been hearing the vendors are happy at this location. Some things that they have commented on was the blacktop was nice to be on and like the location. We've had potential vendors requesting a spot, discussed opening about 5 more spots. The Greenville UMC was invited by Christus to sell brats at the market. They have been doing this and vendors are pleased with this. Christus is working with the state as they do not feel they received fair market value for the land they lost due to expansion of Hwy 15. Due to more accidents, the timeline for the state to start working on Hwy 15 has been moved up – around 2021. Not sure when they will work on this part of the land or when we might lose our spot.

**Plastic Bag Recycling:** Discussed where the group wants to go from here. Where we might do this, size of the collection bin, etc. Roni states that ECU has been using Festival to bring in their collection of plastic bags and this has been working well. They also work with Trex. We would just need to weigh the bags and fill in the information online. Jim will contact the town about putting a collection bin by the yard waste collection site.

**Catfish Races:** Jim and Lisa set up a booth for Sustain Greenville. Displays included 2 painted rain barrels and 1 standard rain barrel. A trifold board about the plastic bag recycling and another with information about Sustain Greenville. Signs were hung for the electronic recycling event and a new sign purchased for the event that just says, "Sustain Greenville". A couple of the farmer's market signs were put up additionally. Handouts were given with the information for the electronic recycling and the opposite side had information about Sustain Greenville. Was posted on our Facebook page. Jim and Lisa felt that we should incorporate "giveaways" for the adults attending. The group brainstormed and thought our stickers, seed packets with stickers on them with our logo (Roni suggested MN wildflowers to get native seeds ECU has used them before with success). We also felt that we should have our Christmas light recycling signs up.

**Christmas Lights:** Will check with Leanne to see if okay to put the recycle container at her brother's house again. Encouraged the group to consider spots to include this year. Next meeting will have boxes to pick up so that can be put out by early November.

**Community Service:** Jim to contact guidance counselors at HHS after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The plan would be to train HS student volunteers to help with the market and for them to be there during the entire market. Someone suggested that the National Honor Society at the HS has a lot of need for volunteer hours and may be a good place to get good volunteers. Consider doing an interview process so we get the right students for the position. Jim is also working to find a place to get screen printed t-shirts for the team.

**Rain Barrels:** John brought the painted ones to the maintenance building. Leanne had already gone there and organized the standard rain barrels. Leanne and Paul made 12-15 more barrels. Paul will bring receipt to the town for reimbursement of supplies for this. Sally Bowers at the HMS would like the "Sunflower" rain barrel to go to HMS. She will pay for this. HMS and Mrs. Sara Hans will be doing again next year. GMS is going to join in next year. Jim will clear coat each of the painted barrels. We received \$19 in receipts from Sara Hans. Group decided to give her \$150 "donation", this was all agreed upon by the group. John will arrange to get a check. Will consider speaking with Sara Hans about doing a latex base first on the barrels and then use the acrylic paints on the top for more durability. Consider allowing our Facebook fans to be able to purchase a specific barrel that they have picked the theme – 1<sup>st</sup> 10 would get this option. We are charging \$50 for the painted barrels.

**Adjournment** at 7:46 pm

Next Meeting 10/10 at 6:30.