

WCEI Task Force

Draft Minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2009

Present: Jon Gorham, Jason Morrill, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill, Sandy Stein, Sharon de Kadt, and Alex Bell

Call to Order

Chairman Gorham called the meeting to order at 7:36p.m.

Review/Acceptance of Minutes of January 29, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting were accepted.

How to get new members

Discussion took place on how to best expand membership. Ideas included using the email list, newspapers, and events. The benefits of asking people to do a specific task were noted. Mr. Bell will contact Mr. Murrozi (Student Government Advisor at Amity HS) regarding finding another high school representative for the fall.

February 18th Speaker's Series: How to Save \$\$\$ in your home

Mr. Gorham is set for the presentation. Mr. Morrill reported publicity ought to be in Register, Bulletin, Observer, and mass email (numerous emails were returned). An online poll may be used to solicit topics for future talks. Ms. Stein suggested having a WCEI presence at opening day of the Father's baseball league including a table for sign-ups and information distribution. Opening day is 4/25/09 and is also Rid Litter Day. Last year's poster contest entries can be posted to generate interest in the upcoming contest.

Pot Luck dinner sign ups

Mr. Gorham reported 5 people have agreed to host and the Task Force needs to follow up. State budget cuts for CT clean energy options were discussed. Ms. Stein suggested the focus turn away from the sign-ups toward education and action.

Tri-Town Contest Update

Mr. Bell reported for Ms. Zhang regarding the involvement of Bethany and Orange in the poster contest. Bethany says yes, but is checking with their task force. Ron from Orange says yes to the contest and will match what Bethany contributes toward prizes. Ron also suggests including in the contest actions and projects kids do. Discussion took place regarding judging criteria and prizes. The prize structure was reviewed and discussed -- High School-aged winner from each town, Middle School-aged winner from each town, and Elementary-aged winner from each town. Money will be set aside for "honorable mentions" if appropriate. The contest flier was reviewed. The theme is "invention-y." Live judging at the Earth Day event was considered and would allow entries to be displayed; could do public favorites categories. Specifics regarding judging, dates for project submissions (by 5/11), and criteria were further discussed. Models will require a written description. Having a building activity using recyclables at the Earth Day event was considered. Advertising through the High School and BRS were discussed. Specific

prizes were suggested and Mr. Morrill will further investigate iPods and digital cameras.

Green team House warming project

Mr. Gorham reported Steven Winter Associates charges \$75 to have a team come and do an audit. Discussion followed and Mr. Gorham will follow up to be sure it includes use of an in-fared camera. Two houses have been selected for blower door audits. Videotaping the audits for future educational use was discussed.

Green town map

Only Community Energy and UI can divulge names. Discussed asking people outright. Next steps considered.

Beecher Road School

Mr. Gorham reported the meeting regarding roofing concerns has not yet taken place. There is an organizational meeting on 2/23 for the renovation committee. David King is chair of that committee. Regarding the High School PV system, Mr. Gorham notes it is moving forward according to Mr. Wall.

Massaro Farm Updates – Woodbridge's CSA project

Mr. Morrill reported the website has been updated to more of a blog format. On the farm, Mr. Morrill noted 2009 is a year for reconstruction and he aims for 2010 as a growing season. Enrichment of the soil was briefly discussed. Mr. Morrill asked that by mid-March the Task Force to provide a prioritized list of energy improvements that can be done on the farm. Mr. Gorham will follow up. Ms. Stein suggested we do an energy audit on the barn. Having Winters Associates do it on March 19th was considered. The next BOS meeting is Tuesday, 3/3 if approval is deemed to be needed. The audit would be paid in full by the WCEI Task Force. Mr. Morrill will discuss the idea with the Massaro Farm Board.

Library

Movies

Mr. Morrill has not yet heard from Ms. Valsecchi.

Children's Program

Ms. Cifaldi-Morrill reported on the children's program at the library on 4/11 at 11am. She will read a story and lead an activity. Discussed seeds, sun catchers, and decorating switch plates. Sheri, Children's library program 4/11 at 11am. Read story and do activity... Plant a seed program, sun catcher, plain switch plates to decorate with a reminder...

Other Business

none

Meeting ended at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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