

Sustainability Committee  
Monday, February 6, 2012  
2:30-3:30 pm  
Building 4, Room 105

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Jennifer Hayward, Gloria Jarvis, Rosie Kirwin, Lori Lilliefors, Jim Lindly, Pamela McGilvray, Jyoti Naik, Mike O'Neal, Claudia Owen, Russ Pierson, Wendy Simmons, Mike Sims, Jace Smith, John Thompson, Toni Timmers, Sarah Whitney, Dave Willis

### 2. Updates and Announcements

- *Sustainability Plan Vision Session:* Claudia reminded attendees that this will be on Monday, February 13, 2012 from 2:30-5:30 pm in CML 220. She encouraged Committee members to invite others.
- *Water Management Class Project:* Sarah announced that the Water Management Class that she teaches will be working on a draft Water Management Plan for LCC. Sarah would like for her class to interview stakeholders in March. Sarah will send an invitation to the Committee inviting us to participate in the interviews.
- *Science Division Using Rechargeable Batteries:* Rosie announced that the Science Division has switched from disposable batteries to rechargeable and are saving a lot of battery waste. Mike pointed out that rechargeable batteries must be recycled because they contain hazardous waste.

### 3. Taking Back the Tap

Attendees debriefed the "Take Back the Tap" table at the Health and Wellness Fair. Over 70 employees signed the pledge to not drink bottled water. Dave noted that water quality testing was done in all campus buildings in 2011 and that results were good. No contaminants above allowed levels were found. Members discussed next steps and came up with the following:

- Claudia and Rosie will post a pledge sign in the Science Hallway asking students to sign it and make the pledge.
- Jennifer will work on a series of Lane Weekly announcements to include topics like quality of Lane water, amount of petroleum used, plans to eliminate of bottled water sales.
- Jennifer will send a link to the Story of Stuff video so that Sustainability Committee members can show the video in their classes or department meetings.  
[<http://www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-bottled-water/>]

#### **4. Cafeteria Projects Update**

Mike O'Neal reported that a graphic arts instructor is working on a graphic for the top of the reusable to go container. He also noted that a draft poster for behind the recycling kiosks in the cafeteria is under review and will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

#### **5. Earth Day**

Jennifer noted that the Peace Symposium is April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, so it would be best to schedule other activities either before or after this date. Attendees brainstormed the following potential Earth Week Activities:

- Volunteer trail maintenance/invasive species removal/Russell Creek restoration/tree planting
- “Blues for Green” – Concert, party, food drive
  - Involve LCC music department
- Tour of green building(s)
- Hikes/walking tours of Lane forests/wetlands
  - Botany students to lead
  - Have cooking demo in outdoor classroom that is along nature trail in forest
- Learning garden
  - Workshops about gardening at home
  - Info about everything that Learning Garden does (sells food to college and Oak Hill, etc.)
  - Have a cooking/growing demo
  - Sell produce and/or starter plants to promote garden and raise funds
- Emphasize alternative transportation
  - Do promotion around biking, carpooling, bussing
  - Do a pledge around not driving single occupant vehicle
- Have theme days
- Interactive vendor tables (like Health Fair)
  - Salvation Army
  - Goodwill
  - Redoux Parlor
  - BRING (reused art show – involve LCC art students)
  - Zimride
  - Green Store
  - Next Step
  - NEEI/Energy Management
  - EWEB
  - Sequential Biofuels
  - Electric car company
- Info about what Lane has done (briefing sheet)
- Ribbon cutting ceremony for solar stations

The committee discussed timing and agreed to target events for Monday, April 23 & 24. Members noted that we should get students and others ideas and involvement. Jennifer will contact ASLCC, OSPIRG, and do a weekly announcement.

It was noted that there is no budget. Jim said that SBDC would pitch in \$100 and challenge other departments (including the President's Office, the Foundation, and CCS) to do the same.