

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2019

Attendees: Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Cindy Unangst, Pam McDonald, Sean O'Keefe

1. September meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 (5 to 6:30)
3. Green Expo
  - a. Green Street
  - b. All Shred can't come and e-End too busy
  - c. Cindy will call the paint recycling company
4. Green Talks
  - a. Recycling Talk – Annmarie Creamer – really great
5. SMC – Sustainable Maryland Certified
  - a. Awarded again! – with 330 points (last year 220 points)
6. Municipal Carbon Footprint analysis should be completed soon
7. Tree Planting
  - a. Friday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (Middletown Parkway) – maybe 10-12:00
  - b. Auger will dig holes ahead of time
  - c. (53) - 5 gallon trees (red maple, pin oak, sycamore, sweet gum)
8. Tree Canopy Letter
  - a. Cindy will make final edits; include:
    - a #MiddletownTrees
    - add info about the Tree Planting
    - add info about the February Tree Green Talk
9. Composting – MES (Middletown Elementary School)
  - a. Mark Lancaster will donate \$500 and the town will commit \$500 help get the program started
  - b. The Sustainability Committee has about \$800, from compost bin sales, so we could also donate a few hundred dollars
  - c. Jenny Willoughby (Frederick City Sustainability Office) is making a bulk compost bin purchase. Do we want to buy some for Fiscal Year 2021 (\$34/bin)
  - d. We would like to have bins available, prior to the start of the Compost Program at MES, so that if school kids want their families to compost, we can help them get started
  - e. Geobins are for sale at the Frederick County Landfill for \$20/bin (but these are just simple wire cages)
10. Green Keep Club meeting – MES – Thurs Oct 17<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Key City Compost (Phil Wescott) – need to confirm who signs the contract and read the requirements
  - b. Teacher Champions:
    - i. Stalaker, MariLynn Grade 4 mari.stalaker@fcps.org
    - ii. Sakemiller, Beth Grade 5 beth.sakemiller@fcps.org
  - c. Cindy and Joyce will go to meeting at 3:30
  - d. Need to talk to new Principal (Jan Hollenbeck) and to Building Services

- e. After Christmas – do the first “waste sort” of a lunch shift. Need to find out how many lunch shifts there are.
- f. Joyce will email MHS and let them know kids can come and earn SSL hours to help.

11. No Idle Zone

- a. Continues to be a difficult cause to pursue

12. Solar Panels are installed on Food Bank, will be operational soon. There will be an announcement. Joyce will confirm the initial numbers (for amount of kWh produced and carbon emissions saved) are correct.

13. Keep Maryland Beautiful grant is due in November

- a. Cindy will look at it

14. Tapestry

- a. Ann Payne’s climate change temperature tapestry hung at the MAC climate change conference at Hood College. She’s looking for a permanent place to house it. Joyce will contact someone at NOAA – the Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park may be a great place.