



Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2017

ATTENDEES: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Sean O'Keefe, Rick Dietrick, Andrea Kaleta, Keith Staley, Jennifer Kunze (Clean Water Action- MD chapter)

1. Introductions – guest attendee is Jennifer Kunze from Clean Water Action
2. Website page – we had 638 hits in the past month! Cindy thought our goal should be to be in the top ten pages for hits to the town's website. Currently we are 14th.
3. Facebook page – Cindy shared that Ann and Andrea came up with a long list of topics to post about on the website. Ann agreed to become an administrator for the page, and Mark agreed to become an analyst for the page. Cindy and Ann will meet monthly to discuss specific posts to make throughout the coming month.
4. Green Expo – Saturday, April 29th 10am-2pm
 - a. Music – Paul Grabenstein would like to showcase local talent this year
 - b. DJ – Cindy will talk to Chris Goodman about doing this
 - c. Shredding event – partnering with Middletown Valley Bank? Cindy is having trouble reaching the shredding company we used last year. We discussed using the medical center parking lot for the shredding event from noon – 2pm. We also discussed including an electronic recycling event.
 - d. Recreational bike ride/parade – Andrea will not be available to attend the Expo this year. Sean agreed to help lead the bike rides along with Mark.
 - e. Tree planting – Cindy will look into this again.
 - f. Garden tour – Dietrick's or Tuten's – Joyce said she would welcome people coming to her house to check out her gardens. Will look into the logistics.
 - g. Vendors/organizations/booths – Cindy said she looked over the list of vendors from Boonsboro's Greenfest and reached out to the ones that we might be interested in having. So far, one has responded. Sean went over a list of possible groups to add that his sister's mother-in-law

- suggested. Ann suggested spending \$40 on having temporary tattoo's made up for the event. Jennifer said that her group, Clean Water Action, would love to attend the Expo as well as another group they work with – Stream Link Education.
5. Budget – Cindy will talk to Drew and Burgess Miller about the budget for the Committee.
 6. Green team t-shirts – It was suggested that we use the same logo we did last year for the t-shirts but maybe add the SMC designation to the trunk of the tree. Perhaps Mr. Mattingly's students could come up with a design.
 7. Misc. – spring planting with Main Street group; bee-keeping ordinance; tree-planting; Big Sweep; Cindy talked about the fact that Main Street received a large grant for the purchase of the self-watering planters and they might need help with doing the plantings this spring. Cindy will let the committee know when that date might be. There was a discussion about drafting a possible bee-keeping ordinance based on discussions that have taken place recently with members of the committee. Ann will work on a draft and bring it to the committee next month. Cindy still has on her to-do list to review the tree canopy data for Middletown that was done last year. The Big Sweep might be coming back to Frederick County and a list of the areas in Middletown that could be cleaned up was shared.
 8. February dates – meeting on Wednesday, the 15th; Dr. Tangren visit on Tuesday, the 21st
 9. Q and A with Chairman Rick Dietrick

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th from 5-6:30pm.