

April 5, 2016

7:00-8:30pm

Elmhurst College Student Observer: Hannah Lipman

I. Meeting called to order 7:00pm

II. Introductions

III. Film Screening: Cutting CARbon Emisions

- a. There was a short film contest for the area and this was one of the films submitted that won for the middle school division.
- b. Kendall—a 7th grader who was present at the meeting—from Sandburg was the creator of it; he took many of his facts from the book “Cooler Smarter”
- c. The short film was about ten minutes in length and discussed the excessive amounts of carbon being released and alternative energy options.

IV. OEFF Event Recap

- a. The members present did a short recap of the One Earth Film Festival Event held last month
- b. Members thought it was quite a big success this year with about 100 in attendance
- c. There was lots of sponsors who seemed to have benefited from the event
- d. There was a follow up with one sponsor who said the next day someone showed up to the store to make a large purchase so the sponsor was quite happy
- e. This year tickets sold out but there was a number of no shows, so next year that is something to take into account.
- f. Members believed the movie title and date had a lot to do with the good turnout
- g. The event brought in \$1850 total before having to pay other dues

V. Pesticide Awareness Campaign

- a. Jill discussed the Pesticide Awareness Campaign as she did last meeting
- b. The pledge to go pesticide free is up and running on the Cool Cities website
- c. Jill brought in a lawn sign to show what they look like for those who haven't seen one yet; they're \$5 when you sign the pledge
- d. Jill has been working actively with the Midwest Pesticide Action Campaign (MPAC) to set up a meeting where they can present to the Elmhurst Park District to convince them to go pesticide free in at least one park if not more
- e. The Park District has agreed to hold a meeting to learn more about this issue and it should be held sometime in May
- f. As of now, it sounds as if the Park District is not going to make any changes this year because things are already set in stone, but they would consider to make changes for the future depending on how the meeting goes
- g. A big opponent to the cause is the Athletic Advisory Group who want clean fields to play on
- h. Members discussed ways they can reach out to more people to take the pledge because the Park District wants to see numbers and that a large group of people care for this cause
- i. Discussed making informative posts on social media about the risks that pesticides pose as a form of grasping people's attention
- j. The biggest concern for those opposed seems to be: How does one address the weeds if they are unable to use pesticides?

VI. T-Shirts/Table Banner

- a. Lisa and Barb want to make T-shirts since the group has never had any before
- b. They generally asked everyone for ideas and if anyone knew a local company that could make them

- c. The idea was brought up that the T-shirts should be organically made if possible
- d. Lisa and Barb also wanted to replace their current Cool Cities banner that is used at events with a new cloth one, so they also asked if anyone knew of a place that could embroider cloth

VII. News & Announcements

- a. Lisa and Barb talked about general announcements and dates
- b. They asked what dates would work for a social gathering and it was decided for June 21st
- c. At the event, they will promote electric cars and are open to another idea still, too
- d. Heidi reported on local progress with the Citizen's Climate Lobby, an international organization that works to find ways to limit greenhouse emissions. Heidi recently submitted a Ballot Resolution to the Township of York that will simply encourage representatives in Congress to support reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Township is going to vote on the resolution at their upcoming meeting, and if it is passed, it will be on the next ballot for citizens to vote on. Heidi will be attending the township meeting this upcoming Tuesday where they will vote on the resolution; she asked for people to attend to support the ballot initiative.
- e. The York Ecology Club is hosting a used book sale April 19th 6-8:30 in the York Commons
- f. Last meeting a food scrap recycling program was discussed, and since then Glen Ellyn has begun a pilot program with the Republic Co. whom Elmhurst also uses
- g. There is a Green Garden Fair May 21st; volunteers needed to sit at table
- h. Other important dates/events upcoming:
 - i. April 16th Recycling Extravaganza
 - ii. April 28th Clean Energy Clean Jobs
 - iii. May 2nd Library Meeting Room Reservation Day
 - iv. May 3rd Great Western Prairie Program
 - v. May 21st Green Garden Fair
 - vi. June 7th Meeting
 - vii. June 21st Social Event
 - viii. July 12th Meeting/Open for a program
 - ix. August 2nd Meeting/Open for a program

VIII. Meeting ended 8:37 pm.