

St. Croix Recycling Association
Meeting Summary, December 4, 2007
6:00-7:40 PM - Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School

Steering Committee in Attendance:

1. Lee Elvins, Facilitator
2. Charmin Springer Coordinator
3. Dee Osinski
4. Carey Guilbeau

Absent from the steering committee Lynda Garvin, Hillair Bell

Number of Attendees: 13

Welcome & Introduction – Lee Elvins

1. Lee gave everyone a sticker with the new logo. One sticker is for indoor use only the other is for a bumper sticker or an outdoor sticker. The stickers have our new logo on them and will help to brand our organization. These were proto types and we will look for less expensive ways to create some more.

Branding/marketing/fundraising

Information packet: was discussed. Charmin, Carey and Hillair are working on creating this packet for new members and for those that want to know more about who we are, why we formed, what we intend to accomplish as well as how to join our organization. The packet will be ready for the January 8th meeting for review.

Fee Structure: Members voted to adopt the fee structure as presented

Committee Chair: We need a person to chair this committee and lots of help!!!

Existing Businesses

Aluminum: Discussion for more collection points is necessary to ramp up aluminum can recycling. Many members want more pick-up areas established and would like VIWMA to place recycling bins at bin sites. Some expressed that EZ Recycling hire more people and create more pick-up spots. It was recommended that individuals collect cans for teachers and schools on a year round basis. EZ is accepting lead-acid batteries and is expanding his business. This is great news!

Computer Refurbishing: Jeff Lawlor needs people who have time during the school day and some technical skills. He said that 3-4 people would be great. He wants to have a committee for this project and he is chairing and has a great idea so let's see if we can find him some retirees. He is going to call UVI and the St. Croix Educational Complex Vocational School as suggested.

Bio Diesel: Michael and Terry are working towards creating a business to fuel cars and machinery with cooking oil. They have good news from DPNR and are awaiting a Request for Proposal to appear in the newspaper so they can apply for some funding through DPNR. They are looking for a warehouse space 3-4 thousand feet. We need ideas! Once they set-up their facility, they can accept used cooking oil. Until then, oil cannot be accepted.

New Projects

Composting: Carey Gilbeau is the chair of this energetic group that is applying for a grant and is in the process of writing and submitting it by the end of December. The intent is to begin compost training and certification as well as getting condo associations to deal with their green waste by mulching, and shredding. The committee is also interested in vermin-culture. Go team go!!

Reusable Shopping Bags: It's the rage!! Everyone seems to be jumping on the bandwagon. First Bank is giving away bags for free. SEA is going to be working with Plaza and selling bags. STXRA has approached SEA to partner with them on Phase 2 of this project. Paul Chakroff will come to talk to us about how we can work with SEA (and show off our logo). We will work on this in 2008.

VIWMA Update – Charmin Springer:

- Rain Garden Project was a great success at the VIWMA Greenhouse on November 29th and 30th
- Aluminum Can collection contest has 22 schools participating Charmin is going out with Victor and picking-up cans. Lots of enthusiasm from private schools this year.
- VIWMA has found a group of volunteers to review the Community Enrichment Grants
- Spruce –Up for the Holidays
 - Phase1: “Dump that Junk” Bulk Waste Clean-up December 8th -15th
 - Phase2: Home and Garden Decoration contest apply by December 14th
 - Phase3: School Competition apply by December 14th

Next Meeting scheduled for January 8 (Change because of the holidays) 6:00 pm Peal B. Larsen School