

Sustain Abingdon Committee Meeting Minutes:

Place: Arthur Campbell Room

Date: Feb. 11th, 2016

Members Present: Rick Statzer, Sarita Moore, Lydia Graves, Tom Keys, Tom McMullen, Kevin Worley, Barbara Williamson

Members Absent: Matthew Johnson, Lisa Sykes

Volunteers Present: Sherrie Leab, Tim Wade, Carol Doss,

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- Sarita Moore made a motion to approve
- Tom Key second.

Budget Update: Sarita Moore

- Balance is \$8462.67

Earth Day:

- Rick / Kevin – Goal is to have new recycle containers available for this year’s event.
- Sarita / Sherrie - Design and color are picked out for t-shirts.
 - Adult shirts are dark green
 - Youth shirts are blue
- E-waste truck is reserved and MJP has been contracted for the document shredding.
- Food exhibitors – Dunkin Deli, Tony’s Tacos are set. Will need to contact a few more.
- Kevin - 16x16 stage for dance performances is doable.
- Lydia - May be able to get a juggling act.
- Lydia - Solar Club from Appalachian State is able to come. We would just need to cover the cost of gas.
- Carol - Kirby the talking Robot is not confirmed but we should be able to get it.
- Petals & Lace has confirmed they will be there talking about air pollution.
- Rick - Banner permit application has been submitted.
- Kevin – Will apply for sound permit.
- Sherrie – Flyers are done and at the printers.
- Sustain Abingdon will be selling bag totes.
- Sarita – Eday banner will be updated with new date.
- Sarita – Giveaways, including stainless steel water bottles, lip balm and drawstring bags for kids, will be available. Pens and miscellaneous items for food donation swap will be available as well.
- Tom M - Can food and pet supply collections will be included.
- Kevin - Will have the “flappy guy” there.
- On the day of the event, everyone needs to be there by 7-8AM.
- Request for volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, April 15.

- Seed Stuffing is set for March 17th, noon- until its completed @ Sherrie's Office.
- Mobile recycling trailer display, on loan from the City of Bristol, will be included in this year's event.

Volunteer Fair:

- Currently have 28 to 30 Groups attending.
- Tom - Wash. Co. Historical Society may be joining the event.
- Higher Ed Center staff will have 35 tables, with chairs set-up for event.
- Lydia – Discussion on how we can get information out for the older population.
- Tom K - We may need to contact local churches. Lydia, has actually spoken to one church.
- Sherrie Leab asked about the Washington County Community Scholars. Lydia sent an updated flyer with the new date to her contacts at each school.
- Lydia is going to also reach out to other churches in the community as well.

Other Events & Suggestions:

- Discussion about another fall event. There is already America Recycles Day and Stream Clean-Up.
- Annual Stream Cleanup scheduled for Oct. 23, 2016 from 2-4pm.
- Discussion about some beautification projects including some type of "planter" at Bradley Street Renaissance House.
- Discussion about planting trees, either at Fairview or Muster Grounds, as a project. Would be able to offer the process as educational opportunity.
- Discussion about community food garden project.
 - Possible location would be Fairview property on Hillman Hwy.
 - Barbara W. is very interested in this and will talk further with Anita Manual and the Permaculture community garden.

Next Meeting: April 14th, 2016

- Sarita Moore made a motion to adjourn
- Tom Key second

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM