SHFC Minutes

3-2-21 at 11 am

Attendees: *Zac Polzin, Liz Hall-Knight, Jeremy Tabor, Maris Polanco, Linda Brandt, Janice Gilliland, Mary Lane, Michele Featherson, Susan McGraw, Mary Parekunnel, Chuck Irish, Hala Al-Siyaghy, Julie Eiermann, Nick Paseiro, Lethario Stovel (student)*

1. Approval of January Minutes- *Motion: Susan McGraw; Second: Linda Brandt; approved*
2. Approval of meeting Agenda- *Motion: Linda Brandt; Second: Michele Featherson; approved*
3. Introduction of group to new Sustainability Coordinator- *Nick Paseiro*

Nick’s main job is working to implement the Integrated Energy Master Plan.

1. Sustainability Cornerstone Trainings and article (Michele F.)
2. Building a Strategic Commitment to Sustainability
3. Weighing Risk and Opportunities for Implementing Sustainability Initiatives
4. <https://www.thenewsherald.com/downriver_life/we-are-plarners-downriver-volunteers-turn-plastic-bags-into-sleeping-mats-for-marginalized-people/article_d5d48a7c-8e1b-11e9-be46-07aa0b829467.html>

*SSA should check with their supervisor to make sure this counts toward your 12 hours of training. The training is open to all employees; you may need to request that the training be loaded into your Cornerstone by HR.*

1. UMD link “Making Cities More Livable with Trees” (shared by Emily N.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_rbrkRNuno&feature=youtu.be>

1. AASHE membership renewal? Recon? *Mary Flick asked about renewing this $600 membership. Mary Parekunnel uses materials from the AASHE website in her classes. Michele Featherson will coordinate a survey via Microsoft to reach out to the 24 users to see how/what they’re using. Janice suggested reaching out to Rhonda DeLong to do a story on AASHE in the classroom.*
2. Next Meeting? *3/30/21 from 10:30am-11:30am*
3. Other Business?
   1. *Car charging stations- Nick will present the idea at the next IEMP meeting.*
   2. *Tree Planting for Earth Day- Ask Rhonda to promote on our website*
   3. *Maris suggested an Instagram account for Sustainable HFC. This would need to be approved by Rhonda DeLong.*
   4. *Water refill stations being turned back on- Janice says caps are to be installed over the drinking spot.*
   5. *Peter Kim is the advisor for the Mirror News. We can contact Rose (?) to get Sustainability Tips back in the paper.*
   6. *Maris suggested getting students involved in plastic reuse projects, such as the article that was sharing about making sleeping mats from donated plastic bags. Zac will connect Maris with the Student Environmental Association. Janice suggested even making it a competition with prizes. Janice also suggested uploading materials to a Moodle site for Sustainable HFC.*