

MINUTES OF THE **November 1, 2016** MEETING
OF THE LWV MID-HUDSON REGION'S
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

LOCATION: Main Course Restaurant, 175 Main St, New Paltz

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy OConnor, Kathie Beinkafner, Susan Holland, Kimiko Link,
Ajamu Ayinde

MINUTES

- o Approval of the Minutes for our 10-4-16 meeting (SH/KO; AIF)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o Recycle pumpkins-sign from Kimiko
- o Documentary-Reuse Because You Can't Recycle the Planet is screening tonight at Cafeteria Coffee Shop in SUNY NP at 7pm and Nov. 9 1-4 pm at New Paltz Community Center
- o Susan Holland handed out information on the American Association of University Women's general membership meeting February 9, 2017 in Poughkeepsie, where the focus is on getting rid of stuff, and seeing that it is properly reused or recycled. Send information on where to donate, consign, recycle or (heavens!) simply dispose of unwanted items to Barbara Van Itallie (bvanitallie@yahoo.com). They want to distribute a list at their February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Paint Stewardship. Kathy OConnor got a call and email from Executive Director of PaintCare Inc, and spoke with the Government Counsel for the American Coatings Association. We'll have to wait for the new NYS Legislature, and hope that Senator O'Mara reintroduces his Paint Stewardship bill, and that the Assembly focuses on the Stirpe bill previously introduced.

Marie Clarke of the ACA stated that they were hoping for the support of the Governor, and that focus should also be on Legislator Englebright from Suffolk County who heads the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Textile Recycling. We really didn't get a chance to talk about this at the meeting, but Susan Holland and Kathy O listened to a webinar put on by the NYS Association of the 3 R's on 10-18-16 pertaining to textile recycling. It was noted that NYS discards about 1.4 billion lbs of textiles each year. The **Re-Clothe NY Coalition**, a collaborative group of recyclers, non-profits and governments working to increase textiles reuse and recycling, launched a second statewide textile recovery campaign in September, and several speakers shared their success in this event.

To find out more about what the NYSAR3 is doing in this regard, go to <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>
This could be one of the good focuses of our Committee.

Reuse Conference. Kimiko attended a conference in Boston October 16-18, that focused on Reuse solutions. About 200 people attended. She has an Agenda from the conference, and a directory of participants will be sent to her. (See www.reuseconex.org)

UC Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission. Commission is in its final stages of preparing its approximately 100 page report for the County Legislature. Kathie B. mentioned that she has spoken with Tim Rose about possibly identifying locations to stockpile recyclables, to allow the County to be more flexible to fluctuations in the marketplace for those recyclables.

The need to focus on source reduction was universally agreed it seems. And Kimiko added that there's a program that allows one to see what other communities across the country are doing with regards to recycling.)

We all need to show our support for the Commission when their report is presented to the Legislature.

October 8th Walkway Over the Hudson Event re Food Waste Attention/Prevention. We briefly reflected on the positive aspects of our participating in this event. Many, many passers-by received free lunches made from gleaned fruits and vegetables, deliciously prepared by local chefs. Kudos to Rich Schiafo and the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

We also benefited by making contact with the folks in the adjoining tent to us, the NYS Pollution Prevention Institute (who donated a grant to help fund the event). Community Outreach Specialist Kate McArdle told Kathy O that they were also actively involved in promoting Paint Stewardship in NYS, and

were working with the NYS Product Stewardship Council on this. (See nypsc.org/paint/) Very good resource for information and action guides.

List of Priorities for our Committee. We'd still like to hone in on specific areas of focus for our Committee, and the hierarchy of attention. Attached again, is a sample list given out at our October meeting. We talked about several at the November meeting, but I don't want to taint your opinion in what you might suggest in December.

NEW BUSINESS

- o AAUW event 2/9/17 on getting rid of things. See information in Announcements above.
- o MM Committee to host table at "Thriving in Rhinebeck" event November 5th at the Rhinebeck High School.
- o Address how we can help Tracey Bartels in her efforts to enact plastic bag legislation in Ulster County.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:47 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 6th 5:30, at The Main Course Restaurant,
New Paltz

(Minutes prepared by Kathy O and Ajamu A)

SEE ALSO ATTACHMENT.