

LWVMHR
Materials Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting September 13, 2016

Location: Main Course Restaurant (New Paltz, NY)

Present : Kathy OConnor (Chair), Jolanda Jansen, Kathie B., Cindy Lanzetta, Susan Holland, Kimiko Link and Ajamu Ayinde

Start Time: 6:00pm

Approval of the Minutes for 7-12-16 meeting- Susan H. made the motion and Kathy O. was second..

Announcements

Screening of the Film “Just Eat It” in Kingston

-Oct 4 at BSP on 323 Wall St. at 7 pm

-Free

-Susan proposed to hold a meeting prior to the screening

-Time-5:30 pm and place: Opa Greek restaurant, 333 Wall St

Oct 8 Food Waste Prevention event

-gather food, help to serve it at Walkway

-set up a tent to raise awareness

-can go as a committee or as individuals

-Jolanda Jansen will bring tent and register people to vote 11-3

NYSAR3 Activities (Kathy O.) America Recycles Day Nov 15.

Thur Sept 22 EPA webinar, Food: Too Good to Waste

-webinars are archived at EPA web academy

Best Practices for Drug Take back is an EPA webinar Sept 21st

Kathy O. reported on the Cafeteria Rangers program, “Sort2Save.”

-activity designed by “CafeteriaCulture.org”

-kids sort recyclables in cafeteria

-designed for K-5, but can be adapted for all grades

-to to “sort2save.org” for info and kit

NYSAR3 (NYS Assoc for the three R's) Conference Nov 2-4 at Cooperstown
-cost is \$175 plus lodging

Boston Reuse Conference Oct 17-19

-cost is \$275 (\$175 for one day)

-Register in advance

-www.ReuseConex.org

-wehatetowaste.com

-Fantastic website set up by Jacquie Ottman (speaker at TRASH FEST)

-Consider hosting a screening of 60 minute documentary "Reuse! Because You Can't Recycle the Planet"

-reusedocumentary.com

- \$10 fee to rent the film

Jolanda and Kathie B. reported on UCSWM_IC progress.

- One of the challenges we face

-discovering new technology or finding ways to reuse is not part of existing job description of the person in charge (Exec Director of Ulster Co Resource Recovery Agency)

-his contract is to deliver a certain volume of waste to landfill

-if he delivers less, Agency may be penalized for not fulfilling contract.

-The County Executive can create a new job to develop marketing opportunities for recyclables.

Oct 31 is current deadline for UCSWM_IC report to be presented to the Legislature.
Executive Summary and Recommendations kept in front of document to ensure it is read

Other

Kathy O. mentioned another possible topic of MM-disposition of human remains.

-Lots of energy involved in cremating a body

-The Urban Death Project (a start-up company out in Washington State) offers an interesting ecological way of dealing with human remains (urbandeathproject.org)

Jolanda suggested Kathy O develop a comprehensive list of Materials Management topics that our Committee might want to address, in priority order. We'll take a look at that at our next meeting, and try to develop a strategy for addressing these issues.

Old Business

MM Committee participation in September 10 Town of Olive event-was a success and

engaged children creating art with recycled items.

Paint Stewardship

-No acknowledgement from PaintCare Inc on the letter of support we sent to them June 7th. Cindy will follow up with them.

Our “Ban the Use of Styrofoam in Ulster” FB page

-want to do more with it

-Kathy O needs training on how to improve the LWVMHR FB page. She will coordinate with Ajamu for assistance.

UCRRA’s postings on FB

-Note Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency’s frequent postings on MM topics

-Everyone is encouraged to “Like” and “Share” their postings.

End of meeting: 6:50 pm

Minutes prepared by: Ajamu Ayinde