

MINUTES FOR THE **October 4, 2016** MEETING
OF THE LWV MID-HUDSON REGION'S
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(held at the OPA! GYROS GREEK RESTAURANT 5:30 pm)

Start of meeting: 5:50 pm

Members present:

Kathy OConnor
Anne Needham
Susan Holland
Ajamu Ayinde
Dan MacElrath
Kimiko Link

MINUTES

- o Approval of the Minutes for our 9-13-16 meeting. Susan moved to have minutes approved. Kathy O: second

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o Showing of the Film "Just Eat It" — immediately after our meeting (7 p.m.) at BSP, 323 Wall St, Kingston. Free. Hosted by Dutchess Outreach and HVRC.

- o **Nov 5 event: Thriving at Home**

Dedicated to senior living

Event at Rhinebeck HS

There will be vendors

The Founders are former League members

Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 pm

It is three days before election

Awareness of waste management and voter registration

Kathy O. has a table and will film event

Jolanda will make banner available

OLD BUSINESS

- Will be going to see the film, Just Eat It, following the meeting.
 - Status of final report from the UC_SWM_Improvement Commission (Kathie/Jolanda) Neither Kathie B. nor Jolanda were present to give their report.
- o October 8th Food Waste attention/prevention event on Walkway over the

Hudson Oct 8 Food waste event Walkway

There will be stations handing out rescued food

Jolanda and Ajamu will be there 10:30 until 3:00.

Soyal will not be able to do children's activities due to her performance schedule

- Paint Stewardship**
MM Committee sent letter in June; no acknowledgement of receipt. Kathy O. followed up this week by calling PaintCare in Washington and sending an email as follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nov 15 is America Recycles Day
- Boston Reuse conference (date?/Sponsor?)
- Nov 2-4 NYSAR3 Recycling Conference in Coopertown
 - \$175 for 3 days
 - \$150 per night in hotel
- Discussion led by Kathy O. re MM topics, priorities and strategies
Committee agreed that each would circle top three in order of their priority, to help our Committee focus its attention.

1) **Styrofoam**

Support the FB page Ulster Ban on Styrofoam

Without being abrasive, let businesses know we don't want styrofoam

Let businesses know they may be subject to fine

\$250 a day fine enforced by Dept. of Health

Tracy Bartel –legislator responsible for the ban, is starting legislation to ban plastic bags

Village of NP has already banned plastic bags

2) **Reducing and refusing**

Look forward to hearing Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission's ideas on this matter.

3) **Composting**

Think about targeting certain communities to facilitate pick up.

Businesses, residences, schools, hospitals and prisons

4) **Reusing**

5) **Paint stewardship**

Identify or set up share/reuse centers

6) **Promote repair cafes**

See Repair Cafe Facebook page for current info.

Wolf Bravo runs HV Tool Share in Rosendale
Instrument Share in NP \$50 per year

7) Recycling

Education focus, especially children
Consider benefits of single stream and dual stream recycling
Most consumers don't know the diff
Ex. plastic bags don't go in recycling
CDs, DVDs and film can go to Best Buy
CFL-Compact florescent light bulbs go to retailer or HHW

8) Setting up Cafeteria Rangers in 1 or more schools

NP and/or Kingston?
Call the school districts get baseline on recycling activity
Questionnaire can be sent to school districts to identify their awareness

9) Promote textile recycles

Alleged that much of donations to Salvation Army end up in landfills
Follow up with NYSAR3 webinar on subject 10-18-16

10) Disposal of human remains

A tremendous amount of energy is required to burn a single body.
Embalming fluid can leak into soil
Best environmental disposition?

Members were asked to review the list that was generated and email their top three to
Committee Chair, Kathy O.

NEXT MEETING: Nov 1st, 5:30 p.m. at the Main Course Restaurant in New Paltz

Minutes prepared by: Ajamu Ayinde