

AFFEW ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 9

1993

Meeting was held Tuesday November 9 at 7:30 in the Rotary Room of the Ludington Public Library. Nine people attended. AFFEW Board members present included Julie Johnson, Keith Keegstra, Dave Hall and Tanya Mellen. Board members absent included Pat Willick and Carol Omohundro and Kate Love. General members of AFFEW who attended the meeting included; Muriel Palko, Mike Mullen, Mike Mellen, Larry Kivela and Robert Schneider.

BUSINESS SESSION:

1. Approved agenda which included mainly, discussion of Christmas Tree recycling project, election of three board members, getting more volunteers for Beach Sweep and Adopt-A-Highway, discussion of ordering 1 ream of Kenaf paper to use for newsletter paper and finding someone who will call the Christmas tree growers. After the meeting board will elect officers of AFFEW.

2. Approved minutes of last AFFEW board meeting of October 14, 1993.

3. Persons seeking info. or presenting matters to be considered. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence: None

2. Treasurer's Report: \$510.84 balance. There were no bills to be authorized for payment.

3. Community Service Committee:

a. Brought up for discussion the problem of how to get new members and of recruiting more volunteers for Beach Sweep and Adopt-A-Highway. Robert Schneider suggested that the Mason County Garden Club might be willing to help us with the Dune Grass Planting and Beach Sweep. He also suggested that someone go to the schools and see if we could get one teacher to commit his or her students to help with one project whether it be Dune Grass, Beach Sweep or Adopt-A-Highway. It was brought up by board members that students probably couldn't help with the A-A-H because you had to have training and be 18 years old. But getting local students would be a good idea for the other projects and that we should contact the Mason County Garden Club to help with our projects also. This info. will be given to Carol O who had at a previous board meeting volunteered to make contact with other existing groups in hope of getting some volunteers.

b. Mike Mullen, park director of Ludington State Park, was asked about the dune grass planting project. The dune grass planting was working out very well, helping the erosion problem- especially helping to keep the sand from blowing on the road too much. There will be another planting for spring 1994, and Mike suggested that we consider planting poplar trees also. When AFFEW talks to Mike about dune grass, we should also discuss if he wants us to plant the poplars also.

c. Christmas tree project; <sup>Julie</sup> Kate gave a progress report on this. To summarize; Meeting was held Oct. 26 at 3:30 in the offices of the DPW. People present; Tim Hansen of the Lud. DPW, Kate Love, ~~this year~~, Dave Hall, Julie Johnson and Tanya Mellen. Meeting was held to see if we had the resources to do the project this year, this was questionable since MSU extension office was unable to coordinate it this year. The group decided that it would go ahead with the project, with Kate coordinator and Tim Hansen and his office at the DPW to help with answering phone calls and

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doing the printing of tags, flyers and poster. Julie stated she would contact Kate who would work on getting the tree tags ready for the growers before Thanksgiving weekend. Robert Schneider volunteered to call the growers and 1. get their commitment to tag trees, 2. find out how many tags each grower needed. Once the tags were printed Kate, Julie and Tanya will deliver the tags.

4. Members voted for the three 2 year board positions. The three persons who ran for re-election were Kate Love, Julie Johnson and Tanya Mellen. All three ran unopposed and were elected. Group decided not to elect officers from the board at this time since three board members were absent. Officers would be elected at the next board meeting which was scheduled for Jan. 2 at Julie Johnson's home.

5. Tanya brought up the subject of buying a ream of Kenaf paper for use in the newsletters. She stated that after talking to the company that sells the paper that it would cost \$20 plus shipping for 1 ream and that this was quite a bit more than the usual \$3-4 for regular recycled paper. If the group would be able to buy in large quantities the cost would be about \$14. per ream. The group voted not to order the Kenaf paper, but to put info. about it in the next newsletter so our membership would be aware of alternative paper products.

*Tanya returned check given to her to buy 1 ream of Kenaf.*  
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 approx.

Resp. submitted  
Tanya Mellen, Secretary

*Tanya Mellen*

*Odd Business: She didn't have a fund raiser "garage sale" over this last summer. Everyone was too busy to get this project started.*