

February 13, 1997

AFFEW meeting at Senior Citizen Center - 7:00 PM

Board members present: Julie Johnson, Keith Keegstra, Dave Hall, Larry Kivela, Carol Omohundro, Maggie Blain, Pat Willick

Guest: Gail

Julie said Radio Shack and Wal-Mart takes rechargable Nickel Cadmium batteries. If it is a lead acid battery (used in plug in batteries), it can be taken to any place who will accept car batteries.

Julie talked about the grant that AFFEW has applied for from Dow for a summer day camp. This would be held in two 1 week sessions for 3rd to 6th graders with 30 in each session. We needed to find an organization that's tax exempt to sponsor us. Bob D'Augustino agreed to Community Education sponsoring us. Kevin Willick will be our sponsor from Dow and he turned the grant in to Dow on February 3rd. Julie reported that there is some misunderstandings between Bob, Bruce Smith and Dave Masten (Dow) and she will try to find out what is going on.

Discussed what the procedure is to become tax-emempt. Larry explained what procedures we need to take for the IRS to recognize us as a tax-exempt organization under the IRC Section 501-c-(3). He stated that it would cost \$400.00 to file the papers. Maggie made the motion that we procede with this status. Keith seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.

Julie was asked by Dow to be on a community advisory panel where environmental concerns would be the main focus. This panel is made up of local citizens and students and she said it is very interesting. They meet 3-4 times a year.

Gail wondered if any industries in the community recyle and we agreed it would be interesting to look into someday.

We discussed obtaining a speaker from White=Lake Landco to talk to the community about recycling. Gail suggested we combine another activity with this to draw the public to come. We could have an art contest made of recyclable products and possibly use the Unitarian church front room to display and conduct the meeting. Dave will ask the church board for permission. We will schedule this around Earth Day and Gail said she would be chairman for this activity.

Pat and Maggie discussed the tree chipping activity. Pat said that the Scottville City Manager, Tim Klunder, called and thanked

us for helping with the Scottville chipping. Those of us who helped in Scottville were Sara and Sam James, Jane Jesuale and Pat Willick. Those who helped in Ludington were Maggie Blain, Jane Gabel, Irma and Erwin Frank, Don Allen, Chuck Miller, Stub Willick. We need to find more volunteers to help with the Ludington chipping next year as there were several 100 trees.

We discussed how we could get boy or girl scouts and anyone else to help with Beach-Sweep this year.

Household Collection Waste Day will be May 10 at the West Michigan Fair Grounds. Julie has been going to the organizational meetings and stated that everything seems to be planned.

Keith announced he is getting married to Ann Perrone on May 30. Congratulations Keith!!!!!!!

Maggie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM

Pat Willick
Secretary