

AFFEW Annual Meeting
September 28, 1997
Pat Willick home 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Arlene and Les Meverden

Julie received a letter from TV 9 & 10 last March promoting volunteerism in Northern Michigan through the AT & T Helping Hands program. They will pass our name to potential volunteers.

Julie explained the Michigan Land Use Institute. They work with oil and gas issues for better protection and regulations. Larry said they are trying to change legislation and that we can't advocate that if we are to become 401-3c status.

Maggie suggested we rejoin the Lake Michigan Federation. We voted to send them \$50.00.

Dave gave the treasury balance of approximately \$3600.00.

Maggie volunteered to write thank-you letters for our volunteers.

Julie received a call from Jody Reynolds who is a student at WSCC and needs to write a paper on an organization and perform a public service. Julie suggested she write a letter to MDOT asking if we can plant wildflowers in the median of our adopt-a-highway section. Jody is going to write her paper on AFFEW and she and her friend Ed Stielstra will pick up a section of highway this week.

Cathy Winczewski wants to do environmental ^{projects} with some students next year. She agreed to organize next years annual Lake Michigan coastal clean-up and Julie gave her information on adopt-a-stream.

Maggie and Pat agreed to organize the Christmas tree recycling program again this year.

Julie didn't know yet if household hazardous waste day will happen next year or go on a every other year schedule.

Dave Peterson called Julie and asked her if she would organize a public program on the sour gas issue. She hopes to do this early Nov.

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Dave said there is a coorelation between drinking water softener *water* and heart attacks. The softening process reduces the amount of magnesium in the water and the body needs this magnesium. Also the water is too high in sodium chloride to drink.

Carol's tenure on the board has one more year but she asked to resign. Sara James will take her place for a one year term.

It was unanimously voted to retain the same slate of officers.
President - Julie Johnson
Vice President - Keith Keegstra
Secretary - Pat Willick
Treasary - Dave Hall

Next meeting: December 11 (Thursday) at Pat's house 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned 8:47 PM