

**AFFEW MINUTES: JANUARY 12, 2012**

**Members Present: Julia Chambers, Ray Dereske, James Clark, Brenda Begnoche, Heidi Moloney.**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Redolencia Café.**

**Report was given on the recent communications received after postcards reminders were mailed out. \$400 in memberships were received. 1 negative letter was received from a person on mailing list who was offended by the wording of postcard. Heidi agreed to contact the person and apologize.**

**Minutes from previous meeting were approved.**

**Brenda reported she has taken care of the error in the post office box listed on the postcard**

**Treasurer's report not available the existing balance as of 1/12/12: \$11,745.17**

**Annual retreat is scheduled for February 11, 2012 11:00 AM-4:00PM at Jill's house with a potluck planned. Julia will email all an agenda. Earth Day ideas will be discussed in more detail.**

**Discussion about area source for recycle of goods was presented. Jim, Julia shared information on a website [masoncofreecycle.org](http://masoncofreecycle.org). AFFEW may consider a link to website after board has a chance to review the site.**

**Battery Recycle Report: Heidi reported # batteries as 5,672 sent to Battery Solutions at a cost of \$3,704 which reflects the volume discount recently awarded to the program.**

**Heidi presented a draft of brochure she would like to print and have available at all collection sites. Members approved the content, Jim agreed to help format the brochure.**

**Jill and Heidi will continue to work with the C.O.C. to educate, involve local businesses.**

**Earth Day: Julia proposed focusing on issue of Fracking along with showing the movie Gasland. This would be followed by an open forum and discussion on informing landowners what they need to know regarding leases. Brenda suggested keeping Earth Day positive. Jim presented a number of ideas for topics for Earth Day seminars including air quality. Other discussion included using Community Church again as a venue and possibly collaborating with Sandcastles and the new Children's library as events that families could walk to different activities. Julia agreed to contact Darlene Ponko re: Sandcastles. Heidi suggested Fun Run Walk for the Earth. Julia asked for additional suggestions on potential speakers bring suggestions to retreat.**

**Other news. Julia announced Allen Oshea will be running for Democratic Party against Ray Franz.**

**Jim reported that current membership is 33.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:30PM**