

AFFEW BOARD MEETING MAY 10, 2012

Location: United Methodist Church Ludington, Michigan

Board Members present: Julia Chambers, Jill Budzynski, Sherryl Martin, Brenda Begnoche, James Clark, Heidi Moloney. Member: Rich Dykstra

April minutes approved as amended

Agenda approved

Correspondence: Discussion ensued about July 4 parade participation, all agreed not to participate this year. Oakview requests AFFEW to solicit support for millage, board agrees not to become involved. Michigan nonprofit association membership due, members agree not to renew membership at this time.

Treasurer's report approved as submitted. Sherryl reported that Ron Maluchnik was paid \$325.00 for videotaping the Fracking Forum. This was more than was previously anticipated. Amount included 6 copies for board members which Julia distributed. Sherryl suggested Phil Quinlan as an alternate to videotape at next event- less expensive.

Membership levels and revisions to by laws presented by Rich Dykstra were approved by board.

Rich distributed an updated membership brochure with abridged mission statement. Board agrees to use of shortened mission statement. Jill will add Logo. Brenda suggested adding a line for one time donation. Brenda will check on recycled card stock. Rich will email prototype to Jim who will print for free once card stock is purchased. Rich was thanked by the board for his work on membership and by-laws.

Earth Day reflection: Members agreed to no keynote speaker next year, to focus on workshops. Sherryl reported on status of T-shirts. She will purchase 10 lg and 10 xl adult shirts in Kiwi. Brenda suggested AFFEW participate in one Friday night live to sell T-shirts, board is considering proposal. Julia requests permanent name tags. Jill will look into cost and type of name tags

Battery Recycling Report breakdown of types of batteries was distributed. People Fund Grant Application deadline is June 1 and Oct 1. Heidi will begin application process.

Jill and Brenda reported on non-profit meeting they attended. They discussed different kinds of boards, suggestions they brought back included staying in touch with donors. Communication with newsletters, emails, meetings. Board discussed status of AFFEW Facebook page. Currently, Rebecca Fox, former AFFEW board member manages page. Jim will look into who else has administrative privileges.

Dates set for the Beach Sweeps. Petunia Planting-Brenda is block captain. Household Hazardous Waste, and GRLEA. Volunteers are needed. Jill will post on website dates and call for volunteers needed for events.

Annual meeting Ideas: Jill reports pumpkin-chucking she had proposed is not possible due to high liability. She suggests move date from Oct. 15 to Oct 20, consider venues Jamesport or Lucianos as a fundraiser. Board agrees more discussion for next meeting re Annual Meeting.

Other items: Manistee Walk for Water to raise awareness for water quality has asked for AFFEW's involvement. Dates are uncertain. Julia will look into dates and report back to group.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Submitted by Greta Maloney