

August Environmental Stewardship Team Minutes

Start Time: 5:00 pm

End Time: 5:58 pm

Attendance: Hildi, Jerry, Cory, Brian, Sandy, Linda

- September 6th Hazardous Waste Collection in Cedar Falls (Cory).

Cory will communicate information to Jenny for Happenings, Atrium Digital, and/or Facebook to get the information out about signing up to take your hazardous waste to the Cedar Falls collection site. In addition, information about volunteering for the event was given to Jenny to add to Facebook.

- September 6th Highland Prairie Maintenance (Cory).

Cory will communicate with Jenny so that she can get the information out to the congregation. Information was given to Jerry and he is connected to Cory through cellular devices.

Communication with Austin's Youth group is ongoing as well. They may or may not be available to help. There will be a signup sheet in the Atrium this Sunday for those interested. The hours have been adjusted to honor those interested in the Cy-Hawk Game that Saturday. We will be working from 3-5 to maintain the prairie.

- Sun Day (Linda). September the 21st. Celebrating solar and wind power.

Linda was researching information to add to a slide to give to Jenny for digital broadcast on the St. John Campus and possibly Facebook. Jenny is blessed with discernment and will get the information to the church body. She has learned that the CFU Solar Project might be a good investment for St. John. However, we will need to get on a waitlist and applications are due by November 1st. There is a buy-in of \$110 per unit. This might be a good use of our funds. More investigation may be needed. The CFU Energy Services number is 319-277-1761.

- Updates on Western Home Cards, MORE Foundation, and Recork (Linda).

Western Home Cards: Linda had a meeting with Jane Ingram. She is the representative for the group and is the one who is accepting the cards. When they need more, they will contact Linda. They are looking for birthday, sympathy, and get well cards. They are NOT looking for holiday cards. Some of the group's expenses is the card stock that they use to make the reused cards for purchase. These cards are purchased by residents of the Western Home Communities for 50 cents each. Sandy has a lot of card stock to donate to them if they are in need of more card stock.

Recork Project: Linda inquired about recycling cork from bottles at Happy's. The owner of Happy's was going to check into it. Everyone contact Happy's and ask about recycling their corks. Hy-Vee might be a place to ask as well.

MORE Foundation: We are on our third box which is $\frac{2}{3}$ full. St. John has already helped to plant hundreds of trees in deforested areas of the world.

-New Business.

Drug Take Back: For the month of October, we can focus on informing the congregation about Drug Take Back Day! There is no schedule for category one drugs at our local pharmacies. The City Police Station on South Main in Cedar Falls will take all drugs except for sharps and liquids. This collection site is available all year long.

Monarch Way Station: We might look into this further to see if there are places for a number of planting beds on the St. John Campus. Cory will talk to Larry about the possibility of this. Cory will also ask Larry about sending in rebates for the second half of the light replacement.

-Next Meeting: September 23rd, 5:00 pm