

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Sustainability Committee
6.15.23

Present: D. Alexander; R. Bair; J. Breeding; H. Fish; V. McCann; B. McElhone; G. Pestun; N. Rickey; C. Schauer

Absent: E. Bell; R. Brill; P. Eagan; K. Fuchs; R. Higginbotham; T. Shane

Notes from 4.20.23 were approved; motion by Rachel; support from Bill.

Dannie welcomed Ezra Bell, representing Student Development Services.

- Recap
 - Earth Day
 - Community Event
 - KVCC was a financial partner
 - Progressive event:
 - presentations at Upjohn Park/Woods Park, etc.
 - Tour of the FIC
 - Activities at KVM
 - Rachel to follow up re: ability for KVCC to be involved in planning future events
 - Cynthia suggested looking into ways that KVCC Arbor Day could be integrated into Earth Day activities
 - Recycling Event, TTC, 4.22.23
 - Styrofoam and Electronics (via Schupan)
 - Open to all; not “area specific”
 - Good turnout
 - Discussion re: area signage for awareness
 - Next event 7.22
 - Volunteers to assist greatly appreciated
 - Discussion re:
 - implementing “one-stop” event
 - Paper, Styrofoam, cardboard, etc.
 - Per Dannie, expansion could be a possibility
 - Trying to determine end-result for items
 - Could increase participation
 - Recycling Exhibit at KVM
 - Bill to follow up
 - Michigan Recycling Group Conference
 - Per Rachel recently held in Kalamazoo

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- Possibility of bringing group to KVCC
- Rachel to follow up w/WMU
- Bike Week event
 - City sponsored
 - Bike route audit and awareness campaign from Arcadia Commons Campus to Bronson park
 - Event anticipated to continue
 - Per discussion, event does not relate to the committee's charter.
- Energy CAP Catalyst Conference
 - Dannie and Jeremy attended
 - Provides information re: energy efficiencies, assistance in monitoring billing/trends in usage
 - Nathan to review ECAP website for possible options for initiatives
 - Follow up meeting with Consumer's Energy representative
 - May also provide several energy initiatives
- Work Group Development
 - Categories
 - Internal Initiatives
 - Community Collaboration
 - Sustainability in the Classroom
 - Discussion that once finalized
 - Workgroups will need to
 - determine who will "lead" the group
 - meet between full committee meetings to identify initiatives/projects and develop action plans
 - Members present indicated by first, second, third choice on which workgroup they preferred to serve.
 - Internal initiatives and Community Collaboration received most "votes"
 - Determination made to focus efforts on these two
 - Sustainability in the Classroom to be revisited in the future.
 - Vicki to send information re: committee categories; processes, etc. to members not present today requesting that they select workgroup preference and advise by 8.31

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- Project/initiative Ideas
 - “Blight” pull; possibly a “contest” format
 - Highway project
 - Composting at TTC
 - Students could make bins in classroom
 - Awareness Campaign
 - Messaging campaign
 - Identify initiatives currently in place
 - Renewable energy classes
 - Raingardens
 - LED upgrades
 - New recycle bins
 - Incorporate student involvement in developing signage/messaging
 - Summit Presentation
 - Dannie/Rachel can facilitate
 - Information needed
 - Will use “messaging campaign” content above
 - All members encouraged to provide possibilities for content
 - Review/run through meeting to be scheduled mid-August
- Other
 - Green Roof Railing, TTC
 - Project to place railing around TTC green roof (Student Development Services) planning is underway
 - Recycle Bin
 - Greg displayed new recycle bins
 - Discussion re: need for signage, etc. so as not to “blend in” w/surroundings
 - Members felt students could be helpful with this
- Next Meeting
 - To be scheduled late August/early September