

From: Susan Mazurski June 18, 2010 12:01:15 PM
Subject: Recycling Committee Minutes 05/20/2010 APPROVED
To: SimsburyCT_RecycleMin
Cc:

Recycling Committee Minutes

May 20, 2010

7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Mary Turner. In attendance were: Andrew Rose; Mary Turner; Lonni Schulz; Liz Melvin and Cathy Barnard. Minutes were reviewed and revised. A motion for the revised minutes to be accepted was made by Liz Melvin, seconded by Lonni Schulz and passed unanimously.

Mary Turner reported that there was no new correspondence.

Old Business:

Reuse-A-Shoe Update:

- o Liz Melvin reported:
 - Farmington Valley Racquet Club – 115 pair
 - Gymnastics Training Center – zero
 - Big Sky – 55 pair
- o Jan Manchester reported via email to Lonni Schulz:
 - Shoe bins should have better labeling
 - Collection at Eno Hall was confusing because of multiple boxes collecting multiple items
 - Pulled out and donated over 100 pairs to Mercy Shelter, Covenant to Care and the Latimer School Clothing Collection
 - Suggested that the Committee do a better job at getting the word out

- o Cathy Barnard reported:
 - Henry James Memorial School – 300 pair
 - Simsbury High School – zero
 - Hopmeadow Nursery School – 30 pair
- o Still need to get collection numbers from members of the committee missing from May's meeting

Mary Turner's update on the Swap Shoppe:

- o The front and side doors now have paved ramps
- o The floor has been painted and resurfaced
- o The shelves are up – and are built in shelves
 - Large and deep enough to hold larger items
- o The muddy parking lot results in people stopping in the lane of traffic
 - Issue has been brought up again to the Town of Simsbury
- o The parking lot will be covered with asphalt when the main driveway

is repaved

- o Until that is done, the parking lot will be lose gravel
- o Mary is working on getting the problems resolved as soon as possible
- o Photos of desirable items will be posted as soon as the Shoppe looks fuller
- o Velour blinds have been installed

Recycling Award – every year the Recycling Committee presents its Recycling Award to a person, company or organization who goes above and beyond normal recycling. The award is presented in November and should be voted on by the Committee at the October meeting.

Recycling News:

Lonni Schulz reported on the following stories all appearing in the Hartford Courant:

- o May 10, 2010 – Hartford begins a program in which the amount of recycling contained in a resident's recycling bin is weighed. For every two pounds of recycling, the resident gets five points which can then be redeemed at local businesses. The practice is used in over 300 locations across the US and United Kingdom and has resulted in Hartford's recycling amounts to increase by 100%.
- o May 4, 2010 – Six Connecticut colleges make Princeton's Green List: Central Connecticut State University; University of Connecticut; Fairfield University; Eastern Connecticut State University; Wesleyan and Yale.

St Mary's Bus Trip to the Recycling Museum – due to scheduling difficulties, the bus trip has been postponed until October 2010.

Cathy Barnard volunteered to check into the availability of the Recycling Museum to accommodate a trip during the April 2011 school vacation. If they can accommodate a group, the Committee will then coordinate with the Park and Recreation Department.

New Business:

Cathy Barnard suggested that the Committee use some of its funds to purchase recycling bins (garbage can size) to place in strategic places around Simsbury. Possible locations include: Memorial Field; Curtis Park; the Simsbury Performing Arts Center; Simsbury Farms; the public school ballfields.

Mary Turner will contact the Town of Simsbury about the feasibility of placing these bins around town.

Lonni Schulz raised the question of what to do with containers that are placed in the bins without first being emptied properly.

Mary Turner regretfully accepted the resignation of Andrew Rose from the Committee. Andrew is relocating to California and received the thanks and well wishes from the rest of the Committee.

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2010 7:30pm – the agenda to include the election of officers for the next year.

There are no Committee meetings during the months of July and August.

Cathy Barnard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Liz Melvin.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.
Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Barnard