

Sustainability Council minutes, June 21 2013

Attendance: 15

Mary Duda updated the group on the Climate Action Plan: The plan has been accepted by the administration and uploaded to the ACUPCC website; it is now publicly available here:

<http://rs.acupcc.org/cap/1133/>

People are still concerned about Lennis's replacement and whether he will be as interested and helpful with sustainability topics as Lennis was. Mary announced that a person has been hired and should be here mid-July.

St. Francis Day planning continues. Mass at noon on October 4 (St. Francis's feast day) followed by a lunch with table discussions. Contact Mary or Kelly Tadeo Orbik in CCSJ if you are interested in hosting a table. Lunch will hopefully be locally grown food (salad, etc). CCSJ has taken the lead on this event. They will be asking departments/groups to help sponsor (perhaps \$50) to cover the costs of the lunch. Next meeting is August 20 at 9 am at CCSJ. A film sometime this week or the previous week as well.

Related: reading groups to discuss "Healing a Broken World" during the weeks leading up to St. Francis Day. Divided into halves or themes, not sure which. Again, if you are interested in hosting discussion, contact Mary or Kelly.

Goodwill Give and Go was a success. Both Goodwill and Creighton are looking at how to improve the program for next year.

Heartland Commuter Challenge (August 1-31):

- Log carpool, bus, bike and walk commutes to and from work on the website
- Trips and miles are converted into points based on an equation done on the website
- Receive prizes
 - Grand prizes for 3 individuals with the most points, and 3 with the most miles
 - Weekly raffles if participant logged a commute that week, donated by local businesses
 - Plaque for the company with the most points and miles per participant
- www.mapacog.org/commuterchallenge. The website will be up at the beginning of July for registration.

Theresa Hawley has volunteered to be the host site for the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). 21 people signed up; first delivery is at the end of June.

Last meeting, the group discussed the possibility of having a radio show that would be 15-30 minutes long, once a month, highlighting Creighton sustainability topics. Mary D updated the group after a discussion with Cindy Workman from Marketing and Communications. KIOS does no local programming anymore. Other possibilities include news stories, when appropriate, and podcasts, which could then be posted to the Council's website and announced for distribution. Cindy says that John O'Keefe has a podcast studio that he is willing to share.

The group discussed Special Interest Groups: what should they be? Ideas included

- Recycling
- Energy Awareness
- oneShirt
- Freecycle
- Earth Day
- St. Francis Day
- Garden/greenhouse
- Composting
- Alternative transportation (including biking, buses, walking, etc)
- Biking
- Sustainability and mission/Catholic social teaching
- Communications/outreach

The meeting to discuss these and invite others will be in September.

We are having a difficult time finding a “home” for our meetings since the loss of the UP Room. Mike Fleming graciously offered the use of the *Private Dining Room* in Brandeis Hall. Future meetings will be held there on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Andy Waltke attended the meeting and discussed his ideas for the greenhouse/gardening and getting helpers. If anyone is interested in composting or working with gardens, please contact him.

There was discussion of Sodexo doing a pilot program of composting and a waste audit, possibly in one of the smaller locations (Java Jay, etc).