

OKRA Board Meeting 6-02-12

Minutes

Meeting was called to order. Those in attendance were Robert Pickens, Michael Patton, Reese Tipton (sustainability intern at OSU), Ilda Hershey, Traci Phillips, Kristi Shreve and Diana Askins. Melody Martin, Traci Horst and Jim Bologna were on the phone.

Diana agreed to take minutes in Ellen's absence. Minutes from previous meeting were tabled.

Ilda reviewed the current membership list. Discussion was held on determining who our target members are (i.e. corporate, individual, etc). What is/can/should be offered as member benefits? What about offering memberships to sustainability groups? How would that work?

Michael suggested the possibility of a "regroup" (retreat).

Michael reported on financial status. (See financial report that was emailed).

Jim reported that the work group that was formed in the Oklahoma legislature to study recycling was not given a chance to offer any information during this year's legislative session.

Traci suggested getting a support statement written and distributed concerning the national bill on Ewaste.

Kristi will keep one of the large checks that is used for presentation to our green schools recipients. Melody will keep the second one in Oklahoma City.

Traci proposed and Michael seconded that our next school be Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Motion passed.

As part of market development Kristi and Traci will work on putting information together on Ewaste.

It was decided that our next focus should be on batteries.

Ilda and Kristi have been working on the website and it should be 'live' by July 1st.

Ilda distributed sheet of proposed speakers and topics for the recycling conference on October 12. Discussion was held on who might be asked to speak and what topics would be discussed. The Conference Planning Committee is continuing to work and put the conference together.

Ilda distributed the results of the *Oklahoma Recycling Priorities Plan* survey. Discussion was held about the results.

Elections need to be held. Ilda will send forms to Traci. The nominating committee will include Melody Martin, Michael Patton, Diana Askins, Robert Pickens and Garman Smith with Melody serving as chairperson.

Traci reported and discussion was held on the meeting in April with DEQ concerning tracking of recycling in Oklahoma. Part of the problem is the issue of confidentiality of the numbers reported.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for August 7th. Traci will send out notice to be sure that date will work for the majority of the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm