Como Woods Outdoor Classroom Advisory committee

MINUTES

Monday, April 26, 2010

1. **April meeting minutes/Action Status from April meeting:**

ACTION-Teri contact Meghan to remind her about scheduling.

ACTION-Kelley will ask Megan about posting the plant guide on the website

ACTION-add Mike M. to the CWOC advisory committee mailing list for minutes

ACTION-add a notice on the website for donations to the poetry workshops-Teri

ACTION-contact the Governor and any Republication legislators you know about supporting the full LCCMR bill.

1. **Additions to the agenda?**

Status of website:

* More has been added to past events
* There needs to be a new section for the Joyce Kilmer Fireplacre Rededication work
* Photos? Kelley has been taking interesting natural events/phenology photos-she will work on finding a simple way to link these to the website
1. **CWOC relationship with District 10 Mike McDonald-D10 Environment Committee**

Who on the CWOC advisory committee is on the D10 environment committee? Deb, Susan Jane, Sharon, and Sally. Susan Jane is our official liaison to D10 environment committee.

As chair of the D10 environment committee it is Mike’s responsibility to inform the D10 board about events related to the CWOC. If D10 acts as a fiscal agent for us on a project that has to be approved by the full board.

D10 as a fiscal agent for Poetry Workshop fundraising is moving forward. D10 would sign the contract for payment of contractor.

1. **Progress on Education items:**
* Contacting core school teachers about a spring meeting
* School forest-next steps for follow-up with Como Sr. high and School Board
* Summer project—getting started on teaching materials, starting small—interested in helping: Teri, Kelley, Joan, Lisa, Josh?
* Potential FS funds for teacher kits
* Still would like to pursue the School Board resolution for August.
1. **Status of LCCMR bill-**House and Senate language did not match, needs to go to conference committee and then to Governor for signature. Post meeting follow-up-the Governor has written a letter to the legislature specifically expressing concerns about 6 projects including ours.
2. **Spring events in the woodland and Como Park:**

Park Clean up: Sat. April 10-8 advisory committee volunteers and 2 community members picked up trash in the woodland.

Garlic mustard pull? Meghan will let the group know of there are folks interested in doing this. Seeds are being set right now.

Como Sr. High Spring field day-Thursday, May 20-NOTE NEW DATE. If you are interested in being a mentor to the students contact Jessica Ley (Jessica.ley@spps.org).

Other events of note:

Arbor Month tree planting in Como Park, Sat. May 1 9-11am. About 200 native trees will be planted along Hamline where buckthorn has been removed. To sign up go to:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/index.asp?NID=1043>

Mayor’s Sustainable St. Paul Award-April 28 3:15pm, City Hall

1. **Kilmer fireplace rededication update**

Fundraising for poetry workshops still happening. If there are enough funds for only one workshop then Como Park Elementary is first and Chelsea is second.

1. **Wildflower harvesting in CWOC**

This has been a recurring problem for a long time. It really is an education issue within the Hmong community, just posting a sign will not do it.