

## LGLG Committee Meeting

5/13/2010

### I. Earth Week

#### **Updates**

- Was a successful event despite the tragedy; vigil causes us to cancel an event, may have contributed to lower than expected attendance
- Just under 1,000 students, faculty, staff at Focus Frostburg
- LGLG Relay raised \$365.00, 5-6 members, 7 or 8 donors, largest donor \$215.00
- Paul – ATD would have been good to have more people; NCCC was a great addition

#### **Suggestions**

Sydney – one location for FF helps, Compton is a great location

We will try to have in Compton every year, will attempt to plan earlier so that we can work better with faculty who teach in the building.

Work with faculty to allow attendance at a presentation to count for class attendance, Sydney required 200 word summaries of presentations attended

Try to get bigger classrooms, Precht ended up with 60 people in a 30 person room

Sydney – survey for next year

Kelly – will be putting rain gardens in at Gunter in the fall, will need maintenance in spring. This could be a possible service project for Focus Frostburg or Earth Week, or a possible Focus Frostburg presentation.

Dan – Wednesday is a good day. Advanced planning enables students to present at Focus Frostburg as part of a course, or in general

Paul – went to community college event like Focus Frostburg and student presentations at the event were a part of course requirements

Patrick – Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> begins Easter weekend. It will be important to keep this in mind when planning for next year, as students will be going home on Friday. Relay will probably move to April 15.

Phil – Offer a prize or award for best student/undergraduate presentation; have Dr. G judge them

Monika – Dr. G wants to move his remarks to later in the day so that there will be more attendance, probably around noon or closing remarks

### II. Paul – Green house initiative:

Paul is working to develop a greenhouse industry that will provide food, jobs, and environmental benefits to the area by placing green houses on old strip mine land.

Looks economically feasible.

Met with potential architect and person is very interested. Had meetings with small businesses in the area, ARAMARK, other stakeholders and progress is good.

Waiting on funding, looking in to possible grants; looking into running grant through Frostburg State University

Patrick – DJS AmeriCorps program youth could participate as volunteers.

Dan – Will composting be included in planning? Compost could be used in green house and on strip mine sites to redevelop organic matter/top soil.

Phil – Precht has blueprints for a rapid composter. Progress died a year ago due to lack of funding

### III. Foundation Proposals

Phil – Dirt Dig it or Die

1 year pilot to monitor salt pollution due to winter salting; 900 tons dropped during 09-10 winter

Look at whether or not there is a problem with salt dumping on campus by sampling 100 locations, if there is widen to City of Frostburg. Then look in to alternatives to salt.

Collaboration with USGS, Geography Department, Geograpy club.

LGLG will sign letters of support for Phil, Kelly, Paul, and anyone else needing them. We recommend drafting your own letter for the Advisory Group to review and sign.

Other foundation ideas: delamping project, rain garden plants

### IV. Julia Butterfly Hill

Comments: Who will come? What are the outcomes or what is the lesson?

General consensus is that IF we can ensure student/community participation by including in orientation, getting commitments of attendance, making it part of a larger event then we can justify using LGLG funds to support this. We will need to decide what constitutes a reasonable assurance of attendance.

Phil – partnering with Appalachian Festival is risky, no guarantee of attendance

### V. Final budget amounts

\$980.00 left. Will be spent on printing **permanent** signage for use in fall: posters, recycling center banners, light switch stickers, etc.

### VI. Projects left for Summer/Fall

Finance Plan

Logo/Sticker/Promo Plan

LGLG Stationary

Building Specific Mitigation

Delamping Initiative

Recycling project for individual buildings

\* Sydney ready to move with 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Dunkle, needs 6-8 new bins, signage

Sustainability Survey

\*Need to figure out how to distribute

We will send out a final list, call for members to help with these initiatives

Retreat

Jeff- will "Doodle" everyone to see when the most effective time to have it would be, will work with Janice to have Brown Bag @ Evergreen Heritage Center.

Evergreen met with Tom Akerman, looking into initiative to train FSU early ed teachers for 3-5 days on environmental sustainability, how to work it into education plans, etc. possible pilot project.