
1. Approval of minutes: Meeting was begun at 4:00PM and the minutes from the January meeting were approved without changes

2. Chair's report: We discussed the possibility of having both Martha from BURRT and Sarah Pierpont from the NM Recycling Coalition come and speak at an evening public meeting at the Vista Grande Library in the next few months. We need to see when these individuals are available.

3. Secretary's report: The monthly statistics of visits (2191) and hits (18,620) to our website are down 8 and 13% respectively from our monthly 2019 averages.

4. Treasurer's report:
   A. Monthly report: Opening balance was $3064.31; debits were $100.00 and deposits were $39.95; leaving an ending monthly balance of $3004.16.
   B. 2020 Budget: A proposed budget for 2020 was passed out, questions were answered and after discussion, this budget was approved unanimously.

5. Government Affairs: Plans were made for members to attend important county and city meetings during February.

6. New Business:
   A. Monarch Waste Facility: This facility handles medical waste and Karen will investigate the possibility of our group touring this facility in the future.
   B. Joe's duties: The following tasks and individuals were reviewed and confirmed: Schedule for monitoring and cleaning up the Reuse area (Betsy); Pen collection at La Tienda (Andrew); continuing the rubber band collection (Karen); Local government meetings (Libby); Receiving the Monthly data on the Convenience Centers from County Solid Waste (Taylor).
   C. Udall Lowenthal Plastics Bill. This bill was discussed as well as the opportunity to support its passage through comments.
   D. Changing meeting date: It was decided to continue our regular meeting date.

7. Upcoming Events:
   A. March Garden Fair: Sue G. passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for this March 7th event
   B. Earth Day Celebration: This will occur on April 18th, a Saturday, and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at a later meeting.
   C. Studio Tour Reception: This will once again be staged as a zero waste event, occurring on May 15, from 5-8. Opportunities for volunteer sign-up will be forthcoming.
   D. Flea Market: Unfortunately, after investigating the up-front costs for staging this event (perhaps as much as $800.00) the Flea Market committee suggested that we do not take on the organization and administration of this event. We will continue to participate in a flea market event at La Tienda this summer.

8. Ongoing Programs and Follow up:
   A. Reuse sign, school project: A date was set to have a planning meeting for this event which is still tentatively scheduled for the April PTA meeting.
   B. Compost: No new installations have occurred this past month, most likely because of the winter weather.
   C. Dental collection: We should consider renewing our efforts to get more local dentists participating. Because both Gary and Shirley were not at the meeting, we will rev-visit this item next month.
   D. Beauty Collection: Dee summarized the confusion she experienced trying to clarify from a customer relations person she contacted why our approved collection site was terminated and exactly what products are appropriate for recycling. She drafted a new list of yes and no
items and registered herself as a new collection site. Hopefully, we can continue to collect these otherwise difficult to recycle items even if we have to pay the postage when items are shipped.

E. Lights: Sue D reported collecting 100lbs of material this past Christmas season and a total of 238lbs over the entire past year.

F. Annual Report: Joe indicated he was willing to draft our annual report for 2019 and will send a draft to Stephanie and Karen for their commentary.

G. Night Sky Group: Sheila asked if we knew of local groups or organizations who could send letters supporting the Night Sky group who is trying to get Eldorado recognized as one of the first New Mexico communities to officially sponsor and support keeping the night sky clear.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM with the next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Durlak, Secretary