

DRAFT: Eldorado/285Recycles Meeting Minutes: Feb 13, 2018

In attendance: K. Crickard, S. Daniel, J. Durlak, J. Fox, S. Garfitt, C. Harrell, S. Levy, L. McClaren, A. Rodney, A. Scott, M. Spears-Cihon, S. Sullivan, K. Sweeney, L. and T. Ward.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM

Special guest: Jane Bias, newly hired as the education and outreach coordinator for the Santa Fe Waste Management Organization, was greeted and asked to introduce herself.

1. Approval of minutes Minutes from our Jan 9, 2018 meeting were approved without modification. Once again, the minutes appeared to be splendidly prepared.

2. Chair's report: Sue D passed around a list of our tentative activities for 2018 and asked for responses from the membership. In the context of a discussion regarding how to dispose of mercury thermometers safely and properly, Sue D. noted that we need updated information from different authoritative parties on how to dispose of all types of hazardous household waste. Updated information will be added to our website as we receive it.

3. Treasurer's report – Sheila - Beginning Balance \$2277.31

a) Deposit (1) \$74.30 (lights/straw bale reimb.)

b) Disbursements via checks: (3) \$16.99 (iPage - Domain name - reimb. Sheila S.) \$250.20 (iPage - Hosting - 3 year - reimb. Sheila S.); \$55.50 (Silk Screen printing - vests - reimb. - Lisa H.) and a bank Service Charge of 5.00. Ending Balance **\$2023.92**

4. Secretary's report – Joe D – Our average number of monthly visits to our website during 2017 was 2017 & the monthly average of hits was 14810. Our January numbers in 2018 are far down from that: visits = 853 and hits =5136

5. New Projects/Ideas Follow Up – Allayne summarized the efforts of the “straw committee.” This committee wants to educate both consumers and restaurant operators of the need to reduce the use of plastic straws, or the use of any type of straw entirely. Committee members scouted out how local businesses in our area handled straws. Do they use only plastic straws (most do); do they automatically pass out these straws without patron request (some do, some have them available at a counter or table for customers' optional use). Committee plans to organize information to pass out to restaurant operators and maybe individual customers on the importance of environmentally friendly ways to drink liquids.

6. Current Events Follow Up -15 min

* ECIA recycling mtg with HOAMCO – Sues will continue to meet with staff.

* ReUse – sometimes area seems clean and organized, at other time it's quite a mess

* safety vests update- Lisa H. was congratulated on inserting our logos onto our safety vests and Chris H. took a picture of our members in their spiffy new attire.

7. Zero Waste – Upcoming events are planned for the Master Gardeners sale and for an Arts and Crafts reception.

8. Upcoming Events – Community Garden kick off – Sue G indicated this will occur on March 24

9. Collections –

- * shoes, hats etc, holiday lights- Sue D reported she collected 127 lbs of lights this year; down from last year and which netted our organization a grand total of \$22.80.
- * pens- going well
- *#5's ,corks-Karen; going well
- * Tom's, skin care- going well
- * compost-Chris H reported two more installations in Jan. and that a new bale shipment was received and stored at Joe E's place

10. Vistas- DiAna was not in attendance but members suggested future articles on clothing donations and the value of #5 plastics.

11. Government Affairs – There has been discussion at meetings of the possibility of finding ways to enforce the country ordinance on **required** recycling at convenience centers. Residents continue to put many potentially recyclable materials into the “pits” Materials in the pits are sent to the landfill.

12. New Business - none

13. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM. Community guests began arriving for our public meeting at the Vista Grande library and featuring two guest speakers: Sarah Pierpont and Claudia Borchert

Next meeting is March 13

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Durlak, Secretary