

1. Approval of minutes of Feb.. 14, 2017 mtg Sues.

Meeting was called to order at 4:02

Minutes from last month were approved without corrections.

2. Chair's report. Sue D welcomed guest Bonnie Martin. Sue D reminded everyone that she is still collecting small hotel bottles (lotions, soaps, etc) to take to the homeless shelter and asked everyone to bring those items to the next meeting or give them directly to her if they have any to donate.

3. Treasurer's report: February 2017 - Financials

Opening Balance	\$2189.31
Deposits - 1	103.00
Checks - 0	
Closing Balance	\$2292.31
*2017 budget	

Sheila asked if there were any suggestions or modifications to be made to the projected 2017 budget.

Marcia brought up an issue that some who want to install compost systems have asked us to deliver the bins to them and perhaps if we do this in the future that we should have a delivery charge for doing so.

After discussion it was moved that we ask for a \$10.00 delivery charge for anyone asking us to bring the straw bales to their residence. This motion was passed.

Another motion was made to approve the treasurer's projected 2017 budget and this motion was passed.

There was an extended discussion of recent developments. One item is that the now closed Las Chivas, offered to give us some of compostable materials they had left over. They are requesting a letter acknowledging its receipt so they can have a charitable write-off for their donation. We will seek cooperation from either the Sierra Club or the local Fire Department to meet the request of Las Chivas.

4. Secretary's report - Libby- website visits:1574 hits:8132

5. Vistas - DiAna'

The next articles for VISTAS will be :Simple ways to recycle paper-April.

Yard Art with recycled wine bottles -May

6. SFES (SF Environmental Services) - Adam not in attendance. -

7. Government Affairs - Joe E

The Grand Opening of blue bins was attended by Karen, Sue and Joe.E. There were a number of Interesting speakers. 500 carts are pink-embedded sheets for the American Cancer Society. 32,000. carts purchased-embedded in the lid is an instruction sheet.

Report on the status of three Senate Memorials before the NM legislature:

HM 43, Stefanics - asks Sierra Club, E285R and others to study waste composting and rubber use.

HM 71, Steinborn - followup on his HM 51 (2014) to have a committee identify targets (items hard to recycle) for a Product Stewardship law.

HM 83, Tallman - requests fast-track permitting of a modular "dirty" MRF system of Greek firm Soukos Robots SA.

Joe E. noted that there are 2 memorials dealing with recycling still in the senate and unlikely to be passed.

8. Collections/Committee Reports.

* Shirley - Tom's, skin care. Shirley not in attendance.

* Sue D - shoes, hats: done for the season Holiday lights-214lbs of lights = total \$32.10

* Joe E - new box for pens in La Tienda.

* Karen - #5s continuing, corks-28lbs shipped

* Marcia - compost bin #118 installed in Galisteo.

Worm Towers—Marcia excited to announce that her worms are madly producing-compost and babies.

If you need worms you can get them at Sam McCartney's POSY.

9. Current Events/Follow Up.

*Re-Use research results were inconclusive. We will continue to monitor and report any issues at a future meeting.

Community Garden 3/11 @ ECIA. * Vermicomposting tabled by Eldorado285 Recycles. 2 people signed up for worm bins. Positive response to the table.

10. Upcoming Events. Marcia.

* Earth Day Display at VGPL for a week. Sue D, Sue G, Libby will volunteer on Earth Day 4/22 between 12-4.

Art project-recycled materials. Robyn will call the museum to see how the project was conceived.-Marcia, Allayne, Robyn, Bonnie, Stephanie, Libby. have volunteered.

Materials needed-bottle caps, wine bottle plastic, CD's, and anything you can think of.

11. New Business .

* FB outreach - Robyn. Much discussion about a FB page for us.

FB committee Libby, Robyn and Bonnie.

* Meeting with Eldorado Chief re: BBQ zero waste was considered a success as the fire department is open to making it a zero waste event. More information at a future meeting.

* New ideas, Projects, Directions for 2017. STEAM night is possibly in April. Sue G will report back.

Road Clean-up on April 22. We have enough volunteers.

Sue D-Should we consider an on-line questionnaire/survey. Please bring sample questions to the next meeting. We will consider having a tabling event when the new coffee shop, The Coffee Wheel, opens at La Tienda.

Bonnie-suggested that we have a table when the Loyal Hound opens in June. This will be explored when the opening date is announced.

12. Adjournment at 5.40. p.m.

* Next meeting April 11