

Draft of June minutes

TUESDAY June 13, 2017 Eldorado/285 Recycles Meeting ECIA Conference Room

Attending: S. Daniel, M. Spears-Cihon, J.Eigner, J. Durlak, S. Garfitt, D. Gutierrez, S. Knarr, B. Mahlum, S. Levy, A. Rodney, A. Scott, K. Sweeney, S. Sullivan.
New attendees: Ellen Straw-Bogart, Gail Vivino

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM.

Minutes from the May, 2017 meeting were approved without any changes.

2. **Co-Chair's Report** (the two Sue's):

a) Sue D. suggested that if anyone needed nametags to let her know.

b) Sue G asked for ideas about another possible article for Eldorado Living. Although none were immediately forthcoming, members can contact Sue G about this as needed.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (Sheila) May financials: May Financials:

Opening Balance \$2079.31 Deposits (2) 137.75
- Straw bale reimbursement 385.00
Flea Market Proceeds Total \$ 522.75

Checks (4) \$ 30.00 - Earth Day 12.85 - Compost reimbursement
4.49 - Library Display 65.00 - Seed Cash available for Flea Market
Total \$ 112.34

May Balance \$ 2489.72

4. **Secretary's Report.** April numbers which were unavailable at last month's meeting

Hits = 13336 Visits = 2206

May numbers: Hits = 11708 Visits= 1983

Note. Our numbers fluctuate from month to month. Hits is the number of web pages that are viewed when someone is on site. Visits refers to the number who initially log onto our site.

5. **Vistas** (Diana) Our article in the current Vista is on the bottle tree; next month's article will be on paper recycling.

There was discussion about turning in old pills and medications. There are a few locations which accept these items and dispose of them properly. Meds should never be flushed down the toilet or simply put into trash. Perhaps a future Vista article would be helpful.

6. **Santa Fe Environmental Services:** No report. Adam was not present.

7. **Government Affairs:** (Joe E) Another staff member has been added to the Sustainability committee, Neil Denton. Legislatively, the state Senate took up discussion of a manufacturer's responsibility issue, that is, manufacturers would have put a system in place to recycle their products. They have recommended the creation of an Advisory Panel to research this issue and offer recommendations.

8. Collections Reports. In general Andrew noted that our website should be clear about exactly what products are recyclable for each of our collections. Discussion ensued how to clarify what these materials are for each of our collections.

Also, another general reminder was made that our collection bins have been moved to behind the screen at LaTienda.

- * Sue D – shoes; going fine
- * Joe E – pens; going fine; nothing new to report
- * Karen - #5s, corks, Last shipment of corks was 84lbs. Yes, that is a lot of corks because someone left a huge amount for us.
- * Marcia – compost; compost system #131 has been installed!
- * Shirley – Tom’s; skin care. Going well, One sign was posted about what NOT to contribute. Too early to tell how effective this was; possibility of adding additional signs as needed to keep the community educated.

9. Current Events/Follow Up – 10 min

- ***ReUse update** – Joe E. offered a fairly positive report of its status after his visit. Stephanie has agreed to develop a schedule next month whereby various 285 members can visit the area to keep it clean and organized.
- ***E285 FB page** – Robyn, Libby, Bonnie: discussion postponed until next meeting.

***VGPL Earth Day display** A short break in the meeting occurred as we hosted one of the winners, Gabby Holmes (and her mother) of the creature naming contest. The winner’s picture was taken accepting our award next to the artwork she named: “Rattle.”

10. Upcoming Events

- * **Flea Market May 20** – was a solid fund-raiser for us again (see numbers above). Discussion ensued about the need to advertise ourselves more prominently at this event. We are missing out on a chance to put our organization out there. Sue G found out that an artist who is moving has a large tent (canopy) for sale and she will visit her and perhaps purchase it for the committee.
- * **Pancake Breakfast:** Joe E, Libby, Bonnie M. A schedule has been composed so everyone knows what they are to do and when. Plenty of volunteers on the list and we hope for a HUGE turnout again this year. First National Bank is giving us a \$150.00 donation for this event!
- * **Fire Dept. BBQ zero waste.** Karen reported Fire Dept is interested in making their event a no-waste event and further planning will occur with them.

Ice Cream Social: Library is willing to cooperate in making this event another zero waste event. Event is scheduled for August 13th from 1-4PM A motion was made, seconded, and passed that allotted up to \$250.00 to cover expenses for this event. Part of the money goes to the compost people who will be on site to collect materials and part covers the cost for compostable materials. Discussion emphasized the need to prominently advertise this event as a zero waste event so all attendees realize what is happening.

ECIA storage locker: We have shelving in there and have two keys.

11. New Business –

Coffee grinds are now available on a daily basis for pick-up. Need a clean 5 gallon bucket.

Remember the potluck at Andrew’s home on June 24, 5:30PM.

12. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

- * Next meeting will be July 11.