

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team

Meeting minutes, April 16, 2009

The meeting of the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team (EAT) was called to order at 7 p.m. Attendees were

Mary and Steve White
Steph and Jerry Simon
Sarah Schultz
Debi Moritz
Todd Katz
Jeff Weiss

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Earth Day Recycling and Environmental Education Event . Debi gave a detailed report of final arrangements for the Earth Day event on April 26. It will be a valuable service to the residents of Buffalo Grove and will begin to promote the Team in the community. We are hoping for a fine day and great turnout. The flier for the event is attached.

The only open issues are publicity and sufficient number of volunteers. Publicity is ongoing, thanks to the efforts of Michelle Hurwitz, Steve, Mary and Erica Strojinc, who created a beautiful display at Alcott. She also had help from Sarah, who supplied the exhibits for invasive plants. Todd offered to post the event on Craig's list and Debi will follow up with Mike Terson, the Park District PR person. Ideally, we will have 15-20 volunteers and several people offered to redouble their efforts to recruit more event-day volunteers.

Rain barrels. Todd brought in the posters created by his students and we discussed how to display them. Jerry and Steph will bring them and stakes for the ones that cannot be hung from tables to the event. Todd also discussed final arrangements for the rain barrel demonstration, which will include a barrel supplied by Lake County to promote their sale.

Farm co-op. Steph and Jerry discussed plans to promote organic food and a farm co-op. They will attempt to get Angelic Organics to donate an actual box of food for the event to show visitors.

Park Restoration Project. Sara discussed plans for the restoration day and publicity for it at the recycling event. We will need a final flier for next week. She also distributed a listing of native plant sales in the area. Final planning will be detailed at our next meeting on May 21.

We had a brief discussion of where we go from here as a Team. Steve would like to see a renewable energy demonstration, and we will pursue that idea in future meetings. Mary described how a seed exchange might work in conjunction with Buffalo Grove Days or some event in the fall. We also

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discussed how to generate public interest in green buildings and landscaping, and these ideas will be developed at our **next meeting, scheduled for May 21 at 7 PM.**

We confirmed our liking for the BG EAT acronym, reenforced by Mary's delicious cookins and decided each meeting should follow this theme. Jeff will bring the "eats" next meeting.

To dos

Erica: Reserve room for next meeting.

Jeff: Budget and funding for plants and supplies for the restoration day event.

All: consider future projects for EAT.