

January 11, 2010

- First meeting of the Winter semester, 2011.
- We need to organize a time which works best for the entirety of the society.
 - Should have a set date by next week
- Try and get bios to the website as soon as possible. It shows the size of our chapter and to see the interests of various people.

Social committee

- Nothing new at the moment.

Education committee

- Schoolyard naturalization project will be starting shortly.
 - They are in discussion, will update as more information is obtained.
 - There was talk about maybe extending the contest past the Kingston region. Will we be doing so this year?
 - The problem is, if this is happening, you will need a car, and it is a larger hassle for the landscapers. You will also need to consider the harder it is for volunteers to travel and help out.
 - Going to discuss with landscapers whether this will be an issue first.
 - The timeline for the deadline last year was around the end of February. They didn't select the winner until before exams. The sooner to begin, the better.
 - Will try and create a timeline for next week for our next meeting.
 - Try and recruit volunteers sooner rather than later, because it is hard to recruit during the summer. (Landscaping must be done during May or June).
 - It is still \$1000
 - Can start growing wildflowers in the greenhouses to have a head start.
 - Next week, will start to find out who may be interested in volunteering.
 - Consider putting up pictures on the websites of past Naturalization projects.
- They have not yet presented the kit that they have made, but they are on a list to present it soon.

Programs committee

- Can send out emails to see if there is any interest in Fish and Frogs by schools for the spring (as it is too snowy to be doing anything right now).

Sustainability committee

- Going to team up with the residence committee with their Valentine candygrams, and will give our wild seeds to the package and receive some of the funds from the sales.
 - Do you think 1st years will appreciate them?
 - Think so, before they got flowers, now they will be getting the seeds.
 - Last year, they did a “bouquet in a bag” for Valentines day. Maybe do it separately than the candygrams? But sell them in the same place.
- Maybe consider little plastic planters with the “bouquet” so it is all ready to grow (since not everyone knows how to work with seeds).

Issues committee

- Scott forwarded an email from the global chapter, which suggests that we focus on issues about the Canadian boreal forests, since there is current interest for it in the parent chapters.
- City council tonight is voting on whether to have sustainable issues mentioned for all Kingston events.
 - Particularly, going to mention the Poker event coming up. Going to discuss the effects of these events on the environment.

Photo contest committee

- Next week, they have a meeting with a potential speaker to discuss the Photo contest.
- Environmental Science has money for a speaker, so they will pay for the speaker and we will tie it into the Photo Contest. We may need to pay for some of it, but the bulk will most likely be them.
- March 7th is the date.
- There are boxes for photo submissions from last year.
- Going to ask Kingston Camera for discounts and donations.
- Did anyone get donations during the holidays for the photo contest? If you have anything, please bring it in during the last meeting.
- From the Holiday cards, they made \$265.
- Sarah went onto a conference call for SCB, and they asked if we had done anything new; she mentioned the holiday cards, and the idea was well-received. They suggested a calendar (which we have already done).

A girl is requesting any photos from the Halloween party. If you happen to have any you would like to share, please email the website and we will get you in contact with her.

End of meeting.