

March 22nd, 2011

- Those of you that have paid your membership dues have been sent an email link to vote for next year's presidents of SCB. If you have paid your dues and have not received this link, then please email scb@queensu.ca
- Last SCB meeting will be on April 5th. We will discuss this more next week.

Education committee

- Schoolyard naturalization project:
- The landscaping is going to be adding us to their promotional advertisements now for the event.
- They are going to be discussing with the schools about the butterfly gardens and doing planting on June 9th and June 22nd. These are both Thursdays. We need to make sure that the schools are willing to tend and to commit to caring to the gardens.
- The landscapers will like to involve the students in the planting process.
- The landscapers will also help us to get discounted trees.
- Ask the nurseries if they have any donations for the gardens.
- We should ask the students who offered to volunteer with us if they are interested in volunteering sometime soon, either for the naturalization project or for biodiversity day.
- There are 3-4 schools which need seedlings for
- There is a list of schools with that we are going to visit to inform about the naturalization project. Should we give all students seed packets when we visit?
 - Will they be put to good use?
 - There are students in the spring and students later on. We could see how many are interested in the spring, and then decide for the later students.
 - The seeds will need to be stratified before they are planted, so they will need instructions attached to the seeds. Should we stratify them beforehand for the students?
 - Since they are older, and it takes about 6 weeks to stratify, chances are they will lose interest if they have to stratify.
 - Could potentially teach them how to stratify by getting pots & soil and teaching them how to stratify seeds in their fridge.
 - Find out which species are good to grow in a pot.
 - Will decide whether to pre-stratify the seeds or to teach the students in class.
 - For now, will just present seeds to the Spring students, and will worry about the other students at a later date.

- We should stress that we are going to be a 'daycare' for this event. All children should be provided with supervision, as SCB is not providing supervision for this event.

Biodiversity day

- Amanda has created a word jumble for Biodiversity day, as well she has a colouring page for younger children which she has received from the Flying Squirrel guy.
- There is also a poster being made to promote the event. It will go with the packages to the children. These will be given out to the students of Kingston Junior Naturalists to promote the event.
- They are also creating an excel sheet of all the different places where we can reach out to children in Kingston. We could sent out a flyer to these places, then also give them the packages directly if they are interested.
- There are some members of Kaleidoscope who are also willing to give out the packages to their students.
- Idea: Print the promotional poster on the opposite side of the word scramble to save on the paper being used.
- Would like to send another reminder to the school and on the radio the week before the event so that people can remember.
- They are going to be bringing posters to businesses on Princess Street soon.
- Biodiversity day scheduling: The schedule is not concrete yet, but there are plenty of events.
- Mark Conboy is willing to do a bird exhibit of stuffed birds to the students.
- The Snake Man will be coming from 12:00-1:30pm on that guy. The flying squirrel guy will be going earliest, since he needs the most time to set up. Everyone else will be slotted in accordingly.
- They will have a schedule for next week.
- They have received the Graduate Grant: \$500, which will mostly cover the Flying Squirrel Guy.
- They are also applying for a grant that is due April 8th, hopefully to cover more of the costs.
- Sound equipment has not been discussed yet. May need to talk to event services. The projector is from the Biology main office.
- Would also like to have an SCB booth where people can rotate the entire day to keep it open.
- The large sustainability centre posters will also be put up on biodiversity day.
- Next meeting, discuss volunteers to help with the event.

Photo contest committee

- Need to sit-in on the table so people can pick up the photos that they have purchased.

- Need to send out an email letting people know of the last day for pickup. If they can't for some reason pick it up on that day, they should email SCB and we can schedule a time.

Issues committee:

- There is a book-swap on Thursday and Friday, which may be at JDUC.
- They are looking for donations, if you donate, you will be put into a draw to potentially win a prize.

Last minute comments:

- If every committee could please make a list of all of their contacts, as well as keep track of all of their resources (posters, etc.) and anything that they have spent on for the next year's committees.
- Should we build an SCB gmail account where people can access the account and get information stored for the committees? If you have a gmail account, you can access google documents. This will also for group sharing of information without the possibility of viruses which comes with USB sticks.
- Please try to bring snacks for the last meeting, if you can.

End of meeting.