

LNC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER, 481 DREXEL AVE, LAWRENCE TWP, NJ 08648

I. Called to Order at 7:10 pm.

II. Attendance: Mike Baicker, Rick Dutko, Janet Kane, and Sue Herrmann.

Michael Baicker – President of LHS “SAVE” – Students Against Violating the Earth attended. New Co-chairs of SAVE will be Helen LaHoda and Crystal Kramer. We need their emails. Mike reported there was an Earth Day Coin Drive at LHS; the money was donated to animal welfare. SAVE (Mike) made sturdy turtle boxes last year. A box is placed over any turtle eggs to protect them from being eaten by predators.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes – NO March meeting

IV. Publicity /Newsletter Report – Janet Kane

First newsletter was great! Thanks to the re-design by Janet and distribution by Steve Groeger and Sue forwarding issues to LNC friends via Constant Contact and lawrencenaturecenter@gmail.com . Press coverage of our events has much improved.

V. Naturalist’s Report - Rick Dutko

Rick reported about his Earth Day Hike in Drexel Woods. Twenty-five people attended. Acquiring ticks from any woods was discussed at length.

BFS Science & Math Fair was in January. Rick was the guest speaker; we demonstrated various activities at our LNC table/ Sue H and STEM students assisted during the evening.

VI. Education Chair’s Report - Sue Herrmann

Feb 21 – Sue and Rick set up an LNC table, exhibit board, and literature in the Lawrence Library the night of the “Sourlands Film” showing.

March 9 – Sue and Dr Alan Remde presented a great program at LNC for children and parents entitled “Nature Under the Microscope & Magnifying Lens.” Fourteen enthusiastic people attended. March 23 – LNC participated in the Sustainable EXPO for Mercer County held at LHS. Sue, Anne, Janet and Virginia had 2 LNC tables. Pam Mount, Tahirih Smith and Teresita planned the event for Sustainable Lawrence. Also

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on March 23 (6:30-8 pm) – **International Earth Hour** event with Jr. Girl Scouts, leaders, parents/ helpers: Leaders Virginia Tomat + Richard Kelly; Sue H and Pam Mount. We held a campfire, ate snacks, played games and activities.

VII. Old Business

- A. **LNC Brochure Revisions** – we will add QR Code to each brochure.
- B. **Green Maps Grant** – Our education members present decided to use the following icons for LNC: Woods/ trails/ hiking; Educational programs; Tree Identification; Flowers; Picnic benches; Wildlife. Sue Herrmann will work with Tahirih to set up the Green Map for Lawrence Nature Center.
- C. **REI or EMS Education programs:** Janet will contact them.
- D. **Special Olympics in Lawrence 6-14-21, 2014; TEST RUN in 2013** in Mercer County Park – **Need people to plan for LNC activities, relaxation, for 2014 and observe in 2013.** We also need much more information about holding a Special Olympics family activity at LNC.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Upcoming events** –
 - 1. **Lawrenceville Jubilee** – May 5
 - 2. **“Summer Solstice Drumming”** by Ange Chianese – June 20/21
 - 3. **“Science & Nature Games”** by Sue Herrmann - JULY 2
 - 4. **Summer Family Nights every Tuesday in July and August** – **Anne Demarais is SFN Chairperson to assign speakers, topics, and LNC Helpers each week. Volunteers from Education Committee, please. THANK YOU, ANNE!**
 - 5. **Summer Camps held at LNC** – Dates: 6-24-28-2013; 8-12-16-2013 all day 9 am-12pm / 1-4 pm

IX. Meeting Adjournment at 8:30 pm

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NO Education meetings in July or August (Summer Family Nights are every Tuesday night at 7 pm = same time)

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