

LNC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7:00 PM

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

- I. **Called to Order at 7:10 pm.**
- II. **Attendance: Anne Demarais, Sue Herrmann, Richard Kelly, Virginia Tomat, and Giovanna Tomat-Kelly.**
- III. **Approval of Previous Minutes – NO meeting held since Fall 2013.**
- IV. **Reports & Presentations**
 - A. **Summer Family Nights Calendar** – Report given by Anne. Dates, titles, guest speakers for this Calendar are still in progress.
 - B. **TCNJ Science Project** – Proposal presented by TCNJ biology student, Giovanna Tomat-Kelly. She wishes to use a small portion of LNC/ Drexel Woods land, fence off various pots containing soil & plants, and conduct her research project about the effects of plants (native vs. invasive) on soil
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **LNC Library** – We need shelf labels for categories on the Library shelves. Sue will investigate the best prices and purchase them. They will be installed ASAP.
 - B. **DECK** – Deck is expected to be completed/ inspected for Mother Nature Festival. (5/10/14) We hope to hold a **“Scouts Award Ceremony”** whenever we hold the official community ribbon-cutting ceremony for the LNC Deck. Date TBA.
 - C. **Special Olympics in Lawrence 6/14-21/2014** Mercer County Park – **Need people to plan activities for family relaxation, for 2014.** We need much more information about holding a Special Olympics family activity at LNC. What services are needed? **Contact Township.**
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. **Upcoming events discussed –**
 - 1. **“New Generation Science Standards – Teaching Science, Technology and Engineering for the Environment”** by Professor Linda Burroughs – May 13, 2014, 6:30- 7:30 pm
 - 2. **“Summer Solstice Music & Dance IMPROV”** – June 21, 2014
 - 3. **“Science & Nature Games”** by Sue Herrmann – FIRST Summer Family Night on JULY 1, 2014

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4. **Summer Family Nights 2014 every Tuesday in July and August at 7 pm – Anne and Sue are SFN Co-Chairs to assign speakers, topics, and LNC Helpers each week. Volunteers from Education Committee, please. THANK YOU, ALL!**
5. **Summer Camps held at LNC – Dates:** 6/23 to 6/27/2014; 8/4 to 8/8/2014 [all day: 9 am-12pm and 1-4 pm]
6. **FALL Programs –**
 - a. **Lyme Disease Update** by author of Out of the Woods, Katina Makris= TBA FALL 2014
 - b. **“Fairy/ Gnome House Festival and Family Picnic”** at LNC – Saturday, September 20 or Sunday, Sept 21, 2014
 - c. **Earth Science Week** – During October 12 -18, 2014. Need to plan various activities.
 - d. **Other programs**-Think about for next time

B. **Girl Scouts STEM Article** was distributed and discussed.

IX. Meeting Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Future Education Committee Meetings: 6-24-2014; 9-23-14; 10-28-14; 11-25-14.



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[NO Education meetings in JULY AND AUGUST. Summer Family Nights are every Tuesday night at 7 pm = same time. NO DECEMBER Education meeting]