

WHNA "Green" Committee

Minutes of 6/16/08 meeting

Present: Keith Holt, Carol Justin, Ed Szopinski, Lucy Villa, Sarah Drillias, Mike Rosenberg,

Unable to attend: Sara Van Winkle, Melissa Scanlon

Project Reports

Bag Projects

Halloween reusable bags – The "Chico" bag costs \$2.40 (plain), \$3.25 w/logo. The registration system requires a different kind of bag every year so kids can't get in for free. About 1100 bags are needed. The Halloween program is on a tight margin already and can't subsidize the cost of the bag. Brainstorming brought three sources: Vliet/North Businesses, Underwrite by member contributions; City and/or Urban Ecology Center. Need answers by mid-July

Cloth Bags – Cost of good bags made in the USA (or Milwaukee) requires some kind of underwriting. We're still looking at the larger grocery stores and local businesses. Need answers by mid-August for a fall rollout.

Survey

Gardening was the area showing the greatest interest. The group agreed upon gardening seminars offered in conjunction with the Farmer's Market. Sarah D has friends who are interested in presenting seminars and will make the contact with them.

Keith brought up the importance of collaborating with Urban Ecology Center. All agreed. Keith will invite the director to the next meeting.

Conservation – There was a brief discussion of energy conservation seminars provided by Midwest Energy Seminars on solar power. There was a need for WHNA to sponsor and guarantee a certain number of participants. Mike reminded the group that to use the WHNA name would require a presentation to the board to seek approval. No further action taken.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 21, 2008, 7PM – 8:30PM, at Carol and Ed's (1817 N. Hi Mount Blvd.). The meeting will begin a dialogue with the UEC, tie up loose ends on the bag projects, get an update on the gardening seminars. Call or email if you are unable to attend.