

ZERO WASTE McMinnville
Board Minutes
May 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Ramsey McPhillips at 5:06 pm.

Present

Ramsey McPhillips, President
Haley Queen, Vice-President
Steve Iversen, Treasurer
Linda Werner, Secretary
Beth Rankin, Member-at-Large

Approval of Minutes

April 3, 2023 Minutes were moved (Ramsey), seconded (Steve), and approved as corrected.

Reports

Treasurer's report (included in agenda):

The board discussed the potential need for separate bank accounts for our largest projects, the Arts Festival and the Chapul Farms research grant. It was moved that we establish such accounts and the board unanimously approved that we open the following two new First Federal bank accounts, to be grouped with our three existing accounts:

Recycled Arts Festival (or other appropriate name)

Check signing authority is one of the following: Ramsey McPhillips, President; Steve Iversen, Treasurer; Beth Rankin, Project Manager.

Chapul Farms Research (or other appropriate name)

Check signing authority: Ramsey McPhillips, President; Steve Iversen, Treasurer; (to be named), Project Manager.

The Plastic Project Earth Day event collected \$310. \$105 was allocated to ZWM and \$205 to The Plastic Project with \$100 disbursed from TPP to First Presbyterian Church for facility use.

Sal hasn't invoiced because of lack of legislative activity

TPP plans a weekly presence at the **McMinnville Farmers Market**, sharing space with ZWM, beginning May 11, 11-5.

A "**No Plastics Please**" **workshop** is scheduled for May 13 with presenters from James Recycling and Eco School Network, both in Portland. 16 volunteers plan to attend. The intent is to begin focusing education and energy toward the *restaurant campaign* to offer alternative take-out containers accepted by Recology.

TPP will be at the **UFO Festival** on May 20, sharing space with ZWM.

Edible Landscapes and the **Compostapalooza** happens May 13 and it was reported that all is ready.

ZWM Projects

TPP reported the *Earth Day event* had 16 volunteers who donated 50 hours. There were about 70 attendees and 10 organization/info tables. Lots of good feedback was given. There was no Sidewalk Parade because of a conflict for sidewalk space with Juliet's House. It was suggested coordinating with area event calendars in the future.

EarthNight went well with over 100 folks attending.

Recycled Arts and Sustainable Living Festival is moving along with Nora as manager, Beth focusing on vendors, and Haley doing the marketing.

Farmers Market begins May 11, 11-5, and runs for 22 weeks. Carla reported she will be using sign-up genius for volunteers. It was noted that Ramsey will be gone the last two weeks of August. Steve said he would be gone also (TBD). Handouts are needed for the booth.

Community Fair on May 25, 4-6, needs an extra set-up in west parking lot.

Zero Waste Oregon No report noted.

Chapul Farms \$35,000 was granted. Ramsey will do the press release.

General and New Business

Raffle tickets for a single prize of two electric bikes are limited to 4,000 and are 1/\$10, 3/\$25 10/\$50. The winning ticket will be drawn by Oregon Representative Earl Blumenaur at the *ZWM annual dinner* in November. Senator Jeff Merkley will attend also.

IPNC, July 28-30, was discussed. Comments included the previous years of excessive food waste and the single-use plastic decorations. This year's theme is "Sustainability in the Wine Industry". Suggestions included providing compost buckets, doing a cork collection, diverting good, usable food to soup kitchens, and requesting YCAP to coordinate that collection. Ramsey has met with Ann, IPNC coordinator, and shared ZWM's concerns. She seems open to move in the right direction. It was moved (Ramsey) seconded (Haley) and approved 4-1 to continue working with the IPNC .

Ramsey reported that all **cans and bottles** collected in May were bagged up by 30 kids in 90 minutes. It was suggested to hire someone to pick up bags and take to return depot. The proceeds would be shared.

Linda requested **job descriptions** for Board member positions.

Ramsey will create a **list of ZWM events**.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Any corrections or additions will be gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Werner
Secretary

