

ZERO WASTE McMINNVILLE

Board Minutes

October 2, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Ramsey McPhillips at 5:00 pm.

Present

Ramsey McPhillips, President
Haley Queen, Vice-President (by phone)
Steve Iversen, Treasurer
Linda Werner, Secretary
Carla Thaler, Volunteer Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

September 4, 2023 Minutes were moved (Steve), seconded (Ramsey), and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report (included in agenda)

Haley will change the donation button on website to PayPal.

It was noted that the final transfer of \$700 for the Recycled Arts and Sustainable Living Festival is reflected in the balance of the main account.

A meeting has been scheduled with Chapul Farms for their final report.

Partner Organizations

The Plastic Project reported a presentation was made to volunteers on October 1, half of whom were new sign-ups. Two upcoming presentations include the McMinnville Garden Club on October 16 and the Rotary on December 13.

Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County is participating in the Sweep the Streets on October 7. They will offer 'cookie cutter' gardens for the underserved community with a \$40,000 grant from Oregon Community Foundation.

ZWM Projects

The Recycled Arts Festival is scheduled for June 22 and 23 with the McMinnville Garden Club's Garden Fair. Nora will coordinate if schedule allows.

ZWM Projects (continued)

It was noted many vendors at the **farmers market**, especially food vendors, were burned out by the end of season.

Wine Country Pride offered the best opportunity to sell bike raffle tickets.

Chapul Farms will be adding three plants in North Dakota, Kansas, and Oregon with a \$40 million grant.

The Standards Project, aka as compostables/reusables, will promote the World Centric brand with Good Start Packaging as the supplier. Susan Allen will be approached to serve as the reusable Forever Ware representative to local restaurants.

Redeem It Mac needs some teen-age helpers. Linda will make a contact with the coalition of church teen groups.

Old Business

The Board can have ten members, so names have been put forth as potential candidates: Susan Allen, Alison Erast, Keith (Fireman), Roland Toeve, and Beth Castor. The plan is to meet with each one and invite to the November Board meeting

Nora has been hired to run the Annual Dinner event on November 17.

General and New Business

It was agreed that ZWM will contribute \$250 for the **Environmental films** on the Film Festival schedule and McPhillips Farms will also donate \$250.

Presentations at the library have been scheduled: January 8-?, February 5-The Plastic Project, March 4-Haley/Sustainable Rituals, April 1-Recology's Rhonda Green, May 6-Chapul Farms. Innovator Industry Recyclers is being considered also.

Outside contacts/requests include **Garten Recycling** with two others for a panel discussion, **Jan at Harvest Fresh** to be included in the Grand tour, **Mac Adventist School** wants enhanced collaboration, and **Encompass Yamhill Valley** wants sustainability at their facilities. **Steve and Ramsey** will meet with Carrie.

General and New Business (continued)

ZWM will sign up for the **Street Adoption program** when litter is collected four times a year. Ramsey will follow-up.

The Board will work on the mission statement and other areas at a retreat in January.

Two committee meetings will be at Mac Market on October 17. 10 a.m. for Standards and 11 a.m. for the Annual dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Any corrections or additions will be gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Werner
Secretary