

**Zero Waste McMinnville Board of Directors  
Board Meeting  
February 5, 2024**

**Location:**

Carnegie Room

**Board Members Present:**

Ramsey McPhillips, Keith Jordan, Charlene Doland, Allison Ernst, Linda Werner, Haley Queen, Steve Iversen

**Board Members Absent:**

Susan Allen, Gerry Hunter

**Guest(s)**

Jeri White

**Meeting called to order: 5:07 pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**Partner Organization Reports**

Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County

- OCF grant meeting
  - Met with partner organizations on Jan 30 to establish high-level plans
  - Meeting again on Feb 22 to continue discussions
  - Jeri - has ELoYC discussed Plastic Project art on garden boxes? Charlene - Not yet

**ZWM Projects & Reports**

Sustainable Arts Festival

- Haven't received an answer from Recology yet
- Artists have been reaching out wondering what the plan is
- June 1 is set aside at the Bindery if we can make something happen

## Plastics Project

- TPP has been included in Recology recycling guide this year
- Recology has been increasingly more responsive
- Getting more organized with leadership
- TPP looking for a new place to meet that will have more room, growing
- Strategizing to figure out where money and effort is best spent
- Hoping that ZW and TPP will put more effort into fundraising this year
- Local groups have been approaching TPP to collaborate on plastic collection
  - Coop ministries
  - First baptist
  - Garden Club
- Desire to increase public education
- Tracking diversion rates better
- Friendsview retirement in Newburg has developed a recycling club with 103 households
- In Eugene, they have recycling “hubs”
- Public spot on KLYC to advertise collection event
- Keith added TPP contacts to Mailchimp audience and “tagged” them appropriately
- Farmers market
  - Suggestion to have TPP and ZW in one booth
  - John Rickert would like to join with his organization “Healthcare for All”
  - Not sure this is the best idea, not enough room for three orgs
  - TPP willing to try a combined booth to see if it works, trial period
  - Ramsey will ask MDA if there’s wiggle room on a bigger tent
  - Suggestion made to not allow John to join our tent, not applicable to our mission
- Would like to start applying for grants
- Starting an internship program
  - Desire to train people about what we’re doing to continue the mission long term
  - Ad placed in the MAC HS newsletter, and Sheridan
  - This is a trial idea to see where it develops and leads to
- Three workshops scheduled for this spring
  - From Tupperware to Mason jars
  - Creating a ripple in the community
  - Plastics 101

- Field trip to Salem to tour their recycling facility and a place that deals with agricultural waste, called Agri-plas
- Garden club is taking the lead on a plastic cap art installation
- Has contacted the art alliance of Yamhill county. Haven't heard back
  - Charlene is going to get some contact information for TPP
- Thoughts on merch for TPP?
  - Haley - it has to be done well or not at all
  - Idea to reuse tshirts or other items to make our own merch
- Interested in ordering buttons to wear at events
  - Found a company that make plastic free buttons
  - .35 or .40 cents each depending on size, min order 100
  - These would be to give away to the public and for volunteers to wear
  - Motion made to order 200 buttons, approved
- Seeking reimbursement for \$300 in expenses
  - Enrolled in 7-week course about plastic pollution starting April 17
  - Help wanted ad in the News Register
  - Food for volunteers at collection event
  - Guidebooks to sell and/or give away
  - Steve provided clarification on how reimbursements should work - need some approval from the board over \$50
  - ***Motion made for reimbursement, unanimously approved***

#### Events

- Formed an events committee
- Met with Doris MDA to talk about Farmers market
  - Signup forms have not been distributed yet

#### Chapul Farms

- Grant to deal with McMinnville food waste
  - \$1500 from grant for ZW to put together a final report
    - PR
    - Show concrete results
    - Will work with Chapul to put this together

## Standards Project

- Results are back, none of the projects will work in their system
  - Results are suspect
    - Photos show whole items thrown into their compost
    - Only 90 days
    - Not shredded like they should have been
- Results from Chapul are promising
  - Flies take 7 days
  - Caveat - requires an exact mixture for it work efficiently
- Taste of India has a desire to be more eco-friendly
- Hoping to have more information from the City and recology by the time we have our strategic retreat

## Other

- Proposal to have a cocktail party + appetizers in tandem with the Film Festival segment that ZW is a part of

## **Treasurer's Report**

- In total, \$25,026.06 in all accounts (refer to agenda for breakdown)
- Spending has accelerated, and we need to be mindful
- Retreat will be a great time to figure out our financial plan

**Meeting adjourned: 6:16 pm**