

Minutes/Notes of 9th Meeting of the **EARTH** Group at ASC
Tuesday, April 1, 2008
Noon, Student Life Center, SUB
<http://www.adams.edu/sustainability> (our website)
<http://ascearth.wordpress.com/> (blog – add a comment!)

Present: Jeff Bauman, Christy Miller, Cameron Miller, Kailee Potter, Edgar Thomas, Morgan Ramsey-Daniel, Mick Daniel, Kristin Young-Jaramillo, Kenny Babcock, Karla Hardesty, Linda Relyea, Karen Lemke, Ted McNeilsmith, Larry Sveum, Chuck Reel, Chris Bullard, Audrey Liu, Christine Preiss, Maria Mondragon-Valdez, Paul Kobe, Marty Jones.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 6, at noon in the Student Life Center of the SUB (take a short break from finals!). Regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month this semester.

EARTH Week: April 14-19 (see schedule of events on last pages)

Announcements: Steve Cole has agreed to donate a greenhouse to the college. It must first be appraised so we can write Steve an appropriate donation letter for tax purposes. The greenhouse will be available for use by EARTH for raising vegetables and by Facilities Services for landscaping purposes. It will likely be located in the vacant land close to the challenge course north of the football practice field. Help will be needed, probably in May, to move the greenhouse from its present location. Thanks to some initial conversations between Dr. Patrick Price (member of EARTH) and Mr. Don Koskelin, Alamosa City Public Works director, it appears we may be able to get a roll-off container for recycle materials on campus by next fall. There will be a meeting in May with Mr. Koskelin to work out the details. Several loads of plastic bottles have been taken to the city recycling center in the last two weeks, and another load is slated to go to 8th and Ross on Thursday, April 3. Cameron Miller reported that Mr. Erik van de Boogaard has just been hired as the Director of Facilities Services. In the open meeting, Erik indicated he was very interested in sustainability issues (energy and water conservation in particular) and had success pursuing some initiatives (e.g., waterless urinals in restrooms) while at Mesa State College.

The EARTH Week coordinating committee (Linda Relyea, chair, Maria Mondragon-Valdez, Tracy Doyle, Mary Hoffman, and Marty Jones) reported a nearly final schedule of events for EARTH Week (see end of notes for a listing of activities). Posters advertising the event have been placed around campus and will be put up downtown as well. Postcards with a listing of events have been sent by ASC Community Partnerships to many people across the SLV. **Linda Relyea is interested in EARTH members to do additional publicity by going on the local radio station to plug EARTH Week. If you'd like to help with this form of advertising, please contact Linda ASAP (lsrelyea@adams.edu).** Additionally, Marty requested some publicity help by writing on sidewalks across campus. **He has some chalk, so please contact him (mbjones@adams.edu) if you'd be willing to write on the sidewalks.** At each of these activities, ASC Community Partnerships will have available for sale re-usable canvas grocery bags imprinted with the logo of Community Partnerships and EARTH. The price of the bags will be \$5 (not the \$4 that we first thought). Thanks to a very generous offer from Mary Hoffman, our EARTH group will receive \$1 for each bag sold! The bar code on these bags will be used by Safeway and City Market to direct small donations to each organization. Our heartfelt thanks to ASC Community Partnerships!

What we really need are volunteers to assist at each of the events. On the listing of events at the end of these notes are spaces for the names of volunteers. Some events have names already in place, but more volunteers are certainly encouraged and welcome. Please send me the events you would like to assist with ASAP (mbjones@adams.edu). **At the time of our meeting, the schedule for making up missed classes had not yet been announced. Late Tuesday afternoon, though, the schedule was released and Saturday, April 19 is designated as a day to replace Friday classes. This will no doubt affect some of the EARTH week activities and volunteer efforts, but for now, we'll continue to plan on the same events.**

Cameron reported from the **Energy Task Force** that the campus could potentially save up to \$40,000 by simply turning off all computers at night. This does not mean simply shutting down the computer, but actually disconnecting the computer and associated peripherals from the wall. The easiest way to do this is to connect everything to a powerstrip, then turning off the powerstrip in addition to shutting down the computer.

The Energy Task Force will also provide an Energy Conservation Suggestion Box at each of the events during EARTH Week to solicit ideas from attendees on how we can save energy on campus.

Thanks for all of your work for EARTH (especially for the volunteer efforts during EARTH Week)!

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Submitted by Marty Jones, 4/2/08

EARTH Week Event and Volunteer List

- April 14 – “Who Killed the Electric Car?”, 7 pm, Carson Auditorium, followed a presentation by Mr. Jeffrey Blamey, electric motorcycle engineer.
Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk)
Ted McNeilsmith has volunteered to assist that evening with introduction of movie, and transition between movie and presenter.
Linda and Marty will help sell bags
Other volunteers?
- April 16 – NWF’s Campus Chill Out Webcast, 5 pm, Porter Hall Room 130.
Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, setup of potential refreshments, serve as discussion leaders, hand out and collect Chill Out Pledges, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk)
Cameron will help with technical aspects of the webcast.
Christy, Linda, and Marty will help with bags, Chill Out pledges, etc.
Other volunteers?
- April 17 – Concert with Jenny Bird, Mark Dudrow, Justin Dean, 8 pm Leon Memorial
Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk)
Linda and Marty will help sell bags
Other volunteers?
- April 18 – Mountainfilm on Tour, 7 pm, Carson Auditorium
Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk)
Who will help sell bags?
- April 19 – Sun Day Activities including presentations by Dr. John Miller, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration “Carbon Dioxide, Energy, and Climate Change”, Paul Shippey, Crestone School “Sustainability in the Sun”, and Ms. Susan Innis, Colorado Carbon Fund Manager, Governor’s Energy Office; solar demonstrations (including solar cooking); solar vendors; 10 am – 2 pm, SUB
Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk). Setup? Maria Mondragon-Valdez is coordinating this and she’ll let us know what other volunteer activities might be needed
Who will help?

- April 19 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Garage Sale and radish/tomatoes, 8am –noon, SUB
 Volunteers needed to assist in the sale of reusable grocery bags, assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk), setup and takedown of garage sale, being present to sell stuff, hand out radishes and tomato plants
 7am setup, then one-two hour shifts:
 Karen, Karla, Edgar, Jeff, and Marty will help setup at 7 am. We need volunteers to help sell items in one-two hour shifts. Laura Moore will help with the radishes and tomatoes.
 Other volunteers?
- April 19 – Green Bike Unveiling, noon, SUB
 Volunteers needed to assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk); Mick Daniels will coordinate and will have other instructions for volunteers
 Mick and Marty (if he's back from the river cleanup).
 Other volunteers?
- April 19 – Outdoor Recycle Bins Decorating Contest, 9 am – noon, SUB (possibly, bins will be on display at other events as well)
 Volunteers needed to assist assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk); Christine Preiss will coordinate and will have other instructions for volunteers
 Christine and Dan will help.
 Other volunteers?
- April 19 – Rio Grande and Riparian Zone Cleanup, 9 am – 11 am, meet at SUB then walk to river.
 Volunteers needed to assist with publicity (print, radio/TV, sidewalk), assist with the cleanup itself. Marty will coordinate.
 Marty, Edgar, and Jeff will help. Hopefully, other attendees will also help