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April 14, 2004

ATTENDEES

Alyssa Hawkins, Earth Force GREEN
Anne Hunt, Mn Environmental Partnership
Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
Beth Storey, Friends of the Mississippi River
Darin Broton?, Mn Environmental Partnership
Dawn Dubats, Rice Creek WS District
Jen Collova, City of Farmington
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN
John Bilotta, Extension Service – Carver Co.

Kevin Bigalke, Lower MN River WS District
Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council ES
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRRA
Roger Ranthum, MPCA
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Sarah Riddle, Eco Education
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

PARTNER UPDATES:

Ron Struss

Pamela Jessup will no longer be coordinating the main portions of the WSP as she will only be on staff part time. Pamela has recently completed her training as a massage therapist and will begin her next professional career. Congrats Pamela! And thank you for all your hard work over the years! Those Partners at the meeting signed a card for her and the Steering Committee will purchase a departing gift for her.

Sage Passi

The Ramsey – Washington Metro Watershed District office has moved. Their new address and contact information will be updated on the WSP Member list. The 2004 Waterfest will be held May 22nd from 10am until 3pm.

Lyndon Torstenson

“River of History” – the historical resources study of the Mississippi NRRA is available free to partner organizations that would enjoy a copy. Watershed Partners who did not get a copy at the April meeting and desire one, please contact Lyndon at 651-290-3030 x 232.

Jim Heintzman

Science Museum of Minnesota. Work is proceeding on schedule on the 9 hole golf course that the SMM is building to demonstrate earth surface dynamics. The Course will be in the new Big Backyard Outdoor Exhibit and should be ready for use when the WSP meets at the SMM for the July Meeting. Contact Jim for more details at 651-221-9413 or by email at jheintzman@smm.org

Sharon Doucette

City of Woodbury is having a landscape workshop this coming Saturday. Contact Sharon for more details.

Jeff Ledermann

Living Green Expo May 1-2, 2004. Up to 15,000 people.

Three WaterShed Exhibit Imac Kiosks will be there along with the new exhibit Your Street Connects to Lakes and Rivers easel display. Musician Michael Monroe will also be performing.

METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATE

General Discussion – regarding compliance by retailers and general citizens to the P-law.

Dawn Dubats – Rice Creek Watershed District. Discussed a proposal she has been considering for some time now. Training substitute teachers to have an environmental focused curriculum – ready to go when they are called for substituting. Teachers in need of a substitute and desiring an environmental focus could simple call or request one the “trained” subs who would have curriculum ready to go. Dawn distributed a proposal for such a training program. It is available form her at ddubats@ricecreekwd.com or by phone at 763-398-3070x178. However, Dawn does not have the resources or time to coordinate a program. Partners should read her proposal and think about whether or not this may be a viable program for the WSP or themselves.

VSMP Update None

NEMO Basic NEMO will be presented at the Black Box theatre in Mahtomedi April 21st.

Metro Media Campaign Launch is scheduled for April 22nd. It was actually launched this week, April 26th. See emails from Ron Struss. I won't detail out discussions regarding the release specifics since Ron is currently circulating an announcement regarding the release of print ads, radio ads, and the such.

Presentation 1: Phosphorus Reduction Goal for the St. Croix Basin – Pam Davis

Copies of the PowerPoint are available from Pam. See the WSP Directory for her contact information.

Presentation 2: Clean Air Mn Landscape Team – Jeff Ledermann

Jeff has a one page fact sheet and a folder with materials available about the project. While the project is directed at reducing air pollution – the tie to water pollution is very close and the benefits also target water quality. Jeff is looking for potential demonstration sites and projects. Contact Jeff for a copy of the materials he handed out and interest in a demonstration site.

New Metro WSP Member Welcome Sheet - Available as requested.

Questions about the meeting or notes should now be directed to either Ron Struss or John Bilotta.

NOTES:

• **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, April 26, 2 p.m.**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4th Monday of each month, 2-4 p.m., at CGEE. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.

- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m.,** at the Dept. of Agriculture, St. Paul. Let a Steering Committee member know if you have an agenda item for the meeting. The WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

2004 STEERING COMMITTEE:

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