

ZERO WASTE McMINNVILLE
Board Minutes
September 4, 2023

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

Present

Ramsey McPhillips, President
Haley Queen, Vice-President
Steve Iversen, Treasurer
Linda Werner, Secretary
Carla Thaler, Volunteer Coordinator
Beth Rankin, Member-at-Large
Jeri White, The Plastic Project Volunteer Director

Approval of Minutes

July 3, 2023 Minutes were moved (Steve), seconded (Ramsey), and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report (included in agenda)

Partner Organizations

The Plastic Project

Jeri reported **TPP** is being asked to make presentations to various organizations and churches.

A driver is needed for the October 14 collection event. Ramsey will see if a Chapul Farms person would be willing.

Coop Ministries is one of four or five churches with youth groups that **TPP** is in the process of getting the young people involved to help with collection events and other activities.

TPP plans to do a fundraising appeal to volunteers. Donors may contribute via **ZWM's** website and designate **TPP** in the comment box.

TPP will feature Sustainable Rituals in the Nov/Dec **Gazette** in time for holiday gifting.

Partner Organizations (continued)

Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County

ELYC is requesting a grant for a "cookie cutter" garden.

A free volunteer appreciation event will be held at Heater Allen Brewery, September 21, 4-6 p.m.

ZWM Projects

Recycled Arts and Sustainable Living Festival evaluations were discussed and a meeting was scheduled to discuss the event further.

Redeem It MAC

Logistics are being worked out to collect redeemables from Black Rock, Starbucks, and Dutch Bros.

ZWM is offering compostables to food vendors at the farmers market. There has been over 80 percent diversion of recyclables and food waste from going to trash.

IPNC

It was much easier this year to collect and sort, but Chapul Farms reported about 30 percent of the food waste was contaminated.

BIPOC Street Fair

ZWM provided three stream stations for the event. There was discussion about providing the stations in the future, but only if they will do what needs to be done to make it successful.

Old Business

Ramsey reported we have 40 new vests at a cost of \$400.

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Haley reported she could continue doing the graphics and arranging printing with two weeks notice and that her employee at Sustainable Rituals can serve as back-up since she has access to the software and programs.

General and New Business

A meeting to plan the annual dinner in November will be on September 11 at noon at Linda and Jeri's. Ramsey and Steve will contact Jan at Harvest Fresh about collecting food waste at catered events.

The Adventist School is looking for more collaboration and Encompass Yamhill Valley wants advice on sustainability at their facilities. **Ramsey** and **Steve** will do the follow up.

A designated meeting to discuss our mission message, current goals, and organizational identity will be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Any corrections or additions will be gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Werner
Secretary