



Earth Action Committee

Minutes – April 11, 2018

Ten Pin Building Mezzanine, Arcata

Board Members present: Colin Fiske, Cheri Strong, Leah Stamper

Member-Employees present: Emily Walter, Laurie Talbert, Travis Morgan

Members present: None

1. Welcomes and Review

At 6:48pm the meeting was called to order by board member Leah.

2. Approve Minutes

Consensus reached to approve the March 2018 minutes.

3. Member Comments

None

4. Plastic Bag Recycling – Reported by Travis

Hasn't found a place to take plastic yet. Recent changes have made cardboard no longer recyclable in our area.

5. Energy Planning – Reported by Travis

Roger commented about an old condenser unit on the Arcata roof that could be removed to make room for more solar.

- As part of a PG&E program, we are working on replacing old lights with more energy efficient lights. PG&E will cover most of the cost of the bulbs.
- Refrigerator door sealants will soon be replaced in Eureka to conserve more energy.
- Looks as though we are using the same amount of energy currently as we were last year.
- Signed up for a \$100,000 loan for both locations at zero percent interest.
- Still working on addressing concerns with Mission Linen.

6. Co-op Vehicles – Reported by Travis

- The transit van (mail/food/general transport needs) is off the depreciation list, doing ~700 miles/month – in good condition.
- The cargo van (used by maintenance) is doing ~200 miles/month with over 200,000 miles.
- The box truck (warehouse deliveries) has ~100,000 miles and is in good condition.
- All three are well maintained and should make it through the year fine.

Laurie – mentioned having a Co-op vehicle for staff to use in the future.

7. Transportation Survey – Reported by Laurie

Looking to do the survey in mid-May, the first week of June and then in September when the students are back.

Colin – is it possible to capture mixed mode trips (i.e. one or more of the above)? Did you come to the Co-op as a single purpose trip or multi-purpose?

The group discussed what information might be captured since the survey will be done in person.

8. Next Agenda Items

Colin will chair the next EAC meeting.

- Mission Linen (Travis)
- Energy planning (Travis)
- Employees using disposable containers

Cheri is concerned that employees are no longer expected to use their own food containers or pay for Co-op containers. It used to be part of the culture and it's no longer being followed. The group discussed ways to discourage shoppers and employees from using disposables.

- It would be good to include education about reusables in employee orientation.
- We should buy more thrift shop mugs/silverware for breakrooms.
- What if you only get a coffee card punch if you have your own mug?
- Maybe only members should get coffee/sandwich punch cards.

9. Review: Next meeting will be May 9, 6:45-8pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm

(Minutes by Emily Walter)