

**Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**  
**Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2010**  
**FSU – Big Rapids**

Education Committee Chair Cris DeWolf convened the meeting at 4:31 p.m. Those present were:

Cris DeWolf, Ed. Committee Chair  
Bill Burmeister  
Nancy Burmeister  
Cindy Fitzwilliams-Heck, FSU  
Denise Mitten, FSU

Nicole Glenn, Camp Newaygo  
Scott Herron, FSU  
Gary Noble, Executive Director  
Terry Stilson, Program Coordinator

**Agenda**

Stilson added 5. *Resource Booklet* under workshop items.

**Approval of Minutes – N. Burmeister motioned to accept the January 11 minutes with Glenn supporting the motion. Motion passed.**

**New Business**

**Camp Newaygo Wetland project and curriculum –**

- FSU Professor Scott Herron discussed his student project at Camp Newaygo's wetland.
  - He distributed a draft brochure developed by his Integrated Ecology class
    - Would like to have them available onsite if possible
  - Students developed 15 lesson plans on wetlands – mostly targeting middle school
    - Distribution could be on Camp Newaygo's and MRWA's websites
    - B. Burmeister added that he has sold lesson plans to SCOPE and that may be a possible way to distribute
  - Perhaps add available resources to the sign at the entrance of the wetland
  - Email Herron with any questions about this project.

**Old Business**

**“Get Wet & Wild” workshop 2010**

- **Draft brochure** was distributed via email and the edits received from Committee members were incorporated. Additional edits were given.
  - **Consensus of members that brochure is ready to be printed.**
  - DeWolf asked for 150 copies. He will also make a poster.
  - Burmeisters will need a few additional copies for Newaygo and Muskegon County schools.
- **Draft budget** – no changes since last meeting.
  - Noble stated that he will be submitting a proposal to FAF that would include the Teacher Training project. The MRWA Board asked him to be project specific in his proposal so FAF “may pick and choose” projects. The Teacher Training may need to be funded with other MRWA funds. FAF funded proposals will be announced in April.
- **Promotion:**

- Mitten/Stilson will work on a submittal to MAOAE due March 1.
- Stilson has designed an online registration form. Members can view it from the “Calendar” page on the MRWA website. Please send any edits to her soon.
- Stilson will send a pdf file of the brochure to Glenn for distribution.
- **Timeline for announcements, mailings**
  - Burmeisters will do most of the school visits during March.
  - Schools (principals) will be emailed a brochure as soon as possible.
  - If registration is low on April 1, a physical mailing to principals will be sent.
- **Resource Booklet:**
  - Stilson distributed a draft format for the Resource Booklet from the database she built.
    - Organizations’ websites will be listed
    - “Groundwater model” and “Enviroscape” will be replaced with “Resources” with specifics listed under Program area.
    - “Speaker” will be added with “presentation”
    - Format was acceptable by Committee members
    - A directory of organizations already in database was distributed with the following additions given:
      - Camps
      - Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (Newaygo County)
      - Card Wildlife Center (FSU, Mecosta County)
      - **Members will email Stilson with more additions.**

**Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12 at 4:30 pm at FSU.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Stilson  
Program Coordinator