

**Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**  
**Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**FSU – Big Rapids**

Education Committee Chair Cris DeWolf convened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Those present were:

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

Gary Noble, Executive Director  
Terry Stilson, Program Coordinator

**Agenda**

No changes given.

**Approval of Minutes** – Noble motioned to accept the February 8 minutes with Fitzwilliams-Heck supporting the motion. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

**“Get Wet & Wild” workshop 2010**

- **Promotion reports**
  - Stilson reported
    - Burmeisters visited every school in our watershed, except Chippewa Hills, promoting the workshop
    - Stilson sent articles to an environmental listserve, GVSU newsletter, MEA Voice and MAOAE. She also sent emails to previous participants and emailed reminders to principals.
    - DeWolf promoted the workshop at Michigan Science Teachers Association and also a professional development day at Chippewa Hills.
    - **Stilson will send a few brochures to each principal to remind them of the workshop (DeWolf will promote it at Chippewa Hills)**
- **Current Registration**
  - Stilson distributed current workshop registrations. As of this date, 28 educators have registered.
  - **Consensus was to drop the Red Cross session since there are no registrations to date. Stilson will ask Burmeisters if they still want to hold their session if there is only one or two registrations.**
- **Draft budget and funding**
  - Stilson distributed a more realistic budget guideline decreasing participant costs.
  - Noble stated that the MRWA would not know if the workshop is funded through the FACF until May but, if not funded by them, the MRWA would cover the costs of the workshop.
- **Resource Booklet:**
  - Stilson distributed a draft format for the Resource Booklet from the database she built. Consensus of members:
    - Include all organizations and not by county
    - County names will be listed across the top and checked underneath

- Include this resource on the MRWA website with links to the other organizations
  - **Stilson will send a final draft to committee members before printing.**
- **Evaluation Form**
  - 5. will be changed to include the current sessions
  - 15. will be changed to “I enjoyed lunch”
- **T-shirts**
  - Everyone who received a t-shirt last year will be asked to wear them
  - **15 t-shirts will be purchased for this year’s facilitators and committee members who did not receive one last year**
- **Prizes for drawing**
  - Leftover t-shirts
  - Totebags
  - MR books
  - MRW maps
  - MRW posters
  - Maybe “write in the rain” notebooks
  - **Jeff Alexander will be asked to hold a book-signing during lunch. MRWA can sell MR books and Jeff can sell his new book.**
- **Displays**
  - Facilitators will be asked to bring their displays
  - Others will be asked to bring them and have them unmanned

### **New Business**

#### **FSU proposal –**

- Fitzwilliams-Heck reported receiving \$4,000 from the Ferris Foundation for a rain garden/cistern project working with the MRWA. The project will include many FSU departments working on different phases of the project. The proposed site is behind Johnson Hall at the bottom of the hill on the west side of the parking lot.
  - Stilson stated that the remaining funding is still pending for the almost \$30,000 project.

**Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24 at 4:30 pm at FSU.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Terry Stilson  
 Program Coordinator