

CO-COM MINUTES – Mar. 13, 2017

Present: CoCom members Tim, Madge, Laura, Paul; plus Emily Rose and Amanda Senseman
Facilitator, Paul; Notes, Madge

1. Minutes of Feb. 13, '17 are approved.
2. Hub/Office Issues: There's a printer at the Wildlife Assoc. desk but apparently no software or way to link it with our computer. Paul has an old printer that will probably work and will bring it in.
Re: scheduling events & meetings: (The snafu of booking the collage class with the brown bag lunch was mentioned.) For now use the wall calendar. However it would be convenient to set up a Google (or other online) calendar that several designated people could update and check for conflicts. Paul will look into those options. (Then check with Drells to make sure they can access.)
3. Membership renewals: Emily Rose reports more renewals have come in (mostly due to our phone calls), but there are still 49 households unrenewed, many not called. Madge will send another email reminder. Emily Rose is sending us an updated list of current & unrenewed members.
4. Newsletter: Logistics on producing the last few newsletters have been a bit challenging. Madge would like to try an alternative lay-out person. Deadline for the next newsletter will be approx. Apr. 28.
5. KLLG: Madge mentioned Michael Foley's recent Monday evening interviews with Brian Weller & Food Hub. She will be interviewed about WELL next show, Mar. 20, 8pm; Paul may join her.
6. Crowd-Funding report: Some of the publicity and website info has been late getting out, but Pat Higgins is enthused and putting on many excellent field trips and forums. Should post on Facebook. Madge will also do some added PR.
7. Starhawk Report: None of us attended. Let's ask Traci, Thayer, or Annie for a report for the newsletter.
8. Mar. 30 Mitigation Event: Patricia Hickey of Resource Conservation District is confirmed, posters being done, Madge will send out PSAs. Need to use WEC's screen and either RCD's or WELL's projector for power-point. Ask about a way to darken the windows.
Madge will look into who is up for CoCom election (plus Lyn T).
9. Brown Bag lunch: Next one is Mar. 25 (to avoid conflict with ERRP event). Madge will send info & reminder to email list of participants. Last meeting was mostly listing events (so many!) but didn't enable pursuing ideas (such as the sunflower project). Paul will likely facilitate next meeting. We might want the following meeting (May 6) to be a picnic at Brookside School Farm.
10. Sunflower Project & Brookside School Farm: Amanda gave a report on the uncertainties around the Brookside School Farm, including Superintendent of

Schools possibly making it a parking lot ('moving' the garden, but not until 2018 at earliest); also Amanda is taking a sabbatical this summer (is finding some subs) and will be developing a proposal for a more sustainable farm. It needs community/ financial support!

This led to a lively discussion about growing sunflowers throughout Willits. Amanda is willing to provide seeds; we'd like to get school kids & high-schoolers involved; C of C & downtown merchants, etc. A committee of Chris Hardaker, Paul, Laura, and Amanda will work on this, and bring to next Brown Bag.

11. Next CoCom meeting: Apr. 10th. Laura will facilitate.

Agenda items we didn't get to this time include: Website updating; Native Plant Society and Mendo Wildlife Assoc. reports; summer & beyond event planning; how to better organize CoCom and volunteer participation.