

Youth Education Committee Meeting Notes

April 30 2021

10-11:30 Zoom Meeting

There were 12 participants in the meeting. The meeting started by reviewing the objectives of the committee. We then discussed how a request handled:

1. Request made to Sarah or Mary Jane
2. Comm. Co-Chair notified of request, volunteers are solicited via email or doodle poll.
3. If enough volunteers are found then Sarah and Mary Jane reply to request.
4. A lead contact is identified to coordinate logistics for event.
5. If needed a sub committee is formed to develop appropriate activity.
6. Volunteers are notified of details a week prior to event.

We then reviewed the activities that the committee was involved with over the past 2 years (2019 was reviewed since most events were canceled last year)

We then reviewed potential activities for 2021:

1. Clover College , June 17, 3-5 pm.

Sarah discussed the need for 2-3 volunteers to help her with a poster activity that will involve up to 12 kids
The age group is from 8-14 year olds. The volunteers will help students with leaf rubbings and leaf impression, and other art techniques to create a tree themed poster for the fair.

2. Jr. Arborist Day -August 5, 9 am - 2:30 pm

East Campus/Harding Hall

Need a minimum of 6 volunteers (up to 12) volunteers to help with registration, lead groups, and handout lunch/snacks. This activity involves 30 kids that will rotate between 5 activities that will be lead by the State forestry personnel. The activities include tree climbing, a sawmill, tree identification, and tree measurement. Deadline to determine if we have enough volunteers is July 1. Contact person will be Sarah Browning

3. LES Sustainable Festival

The organizers emailed a survey to determine if we were interested in participating in an outdoor event this year.
We are waiting to hear back from them to determine if an event will be held this year.

4. Discovery Days and Farmers Market.

Held on Saturdays, June 12, July 10 and August 14, all from 10 am to 2 pm. Sarah lead a discussion on this event that will be held on east Campus. The committee thought it is a good opportunity and we should participate. If we want to participate we need to commit to all 3 dates. Between the Youth committee and the Compost committee we feel pretty confident that we can get a minimum of 4 people for each date. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine if we can get volunteers for the June 12 event with a deadline of May 6 for responses.

5. Apple Jack Festival?

We had a brief discussion about participating in the festival in Nebraska City. There was concern with logistics since it is a 50 drive from Lincoln and whether or not we would have to participate in all 3 days of the festival. We determined that we would wait to get more information to decide if we want to pursue this event. Mary Jane and Sarah said they will notify use if and when they get more information.

Open discussion

Sandie mentioned that some of the smaller towns in Lancaster county are having weekly farmers markets and we may want to look at having a booth maybe once a month. We need to have someone look for these opportunities and see if we might want to get involved.

Member Sign-up

During the meeting several new members expressed interest in getting involved:

Susie Filipi

Greg Wood

Gary Killian
Nathan Francis
and Melissa Black had returned a volunteer request to Mary Jane.

Mary Jane had provided a list of committee members that had signed up on her volunteer activity questionnaire. There were only 8 names on her list. Looking at last years list we had 25 members. We assumed that several old members did not respond to her questionnaire so I agreed to email all past members to determine if they are interested in being on the committee.

Gary Wells
Co-chair