

STI EDUCATION WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 1:00 P.M.
at Inquire Within, Sandpoint

Attendance: Debra, Mark, Cricket, Janet, Sarah, Gerald, Terri, John, Richard and Gloria. Dennis arrived later.

Report on the March 19 film night: Cricket reported that at least 45 people attended and she heard from some of the audience that the childcare was a draw. Approximately half of the audience were people already connected with STI. People had heard of the program through a variety of ways. Richard suggested that at future programs the format be explained at the beginning and that everyone be thanked for coming at the end. Depending on type of film would determine the evening's design.

Reports on other events: Gerald reported that he and Michael Pincherra gave a presentation on Rudolf Steiner, Anthroposophy and Waldorf Education. John gave a program this morning on edible landscaping and will do another for the Earth Day program. At the former Federal building, part of the lawn is going to be converted into native landscaping, including some edible plants. Janet gave a presentation on STI to the Community Action Partnership. Cricket has been leading Mother Earth Wisdom Circles monthly.

Consideration of film to be presented March 19 (6:30 p.m.): Cricket and Debra have suggested, "Transforming Energy." John has a number of films which are possibilities:

- Establishing a Food Forest
- Energy Crossroads
- A Crude Awakening
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- Green: The New Red, White and Blue

Various members will review and report back recommendations to group. NOTE: When finished with film, please return to John at All Seasons. Email any additional film suggestions to Cricket.

STI Binder at Sandpoint library: It would be good to mention at programs that this binder of working group minutes and STI information is available in the reference section in the library as well as on the website. Some of the people at this meeting preferred that their contact information not be included in the binder or displayed in the minutes. People will indicate on today's sign in sheet if they wish to keep their contact information private. Cricket will separate the meeting participant list into a public list and an internal use only list.

Contact information in publicity: Should programs have a contact person for the Education group or a centralized STI contact? Richard doesn't think a centralized contact would work. Decided an email address for education@sandpointtransition.org would be created for public interactions. Emails regarding information about education programs could be automatically forwarded to the group's contact person.

More on film/presentation series: Cricket expressed a wish that someone take the lead on the film series. Someone mentioned that the Energy working group has a movie, "Ethanol, It's a Gas." that they would like to show. A suggestion was made that more of the programs could be turned over to the individual working groups (have them sign up for a specific month) with our group acting as facilitator. Two people – Cheratana Harmon & Marc Vroman – have offered to help with creating the flyers for STI events (if given advanced 10 days - 2 weeks notice).

Resource Presentation Box: Debra showed the resource box which she has been filling with flyers and information on the Transition Initiative. When needed, it can be requested from Debra or Cricket.

Needs Survey: We looked at the form Debra developed. It was suggested that the form contain a question asking for more specific information on the resources people offer. Debra will check the primer for examples and edit and take the form to the Core group.

Resource format to publicize ongoing community events: Needed (someone new): Is there

someone available to compile, organize and distribute an email list of ongoing community events (including those not directly related to STI but carry the spirit of STI) modeled by what MB used to do? In addition, or ultimately, Richard envisions a website where people could input their own events, a site with a moderator to make sure postings are appropriate. It would take money, possibly write a grant to secure funds for that purpose. Gerald wondered if linking to Sandpoint Online would serve the purpose. Gerald will contact Sandpoint Online to see how an ongoing relationship would work. John mentioned that co-sponsoring with the city of Sandpoint is a possibility, with advance planning, and results in a listing in their booklet. becky kemery wants to create an STI event booklet for the coming year when she returns. If STI was a clearing house for events, STI-hosted events would need to be distinct from other related events. Richard has reserved www.sustainablesandpoint.org and www.sustainablesandpoint.com for future use.

David Suzuki: Richard mentioned Suzuki would be in Spokane April 19 to promote his book, "The Big Picture." It was felt that bringing him to Sandpoint would be too costly.

How to present STI orientation public presentations: A workshop is planned in the near future, possibly sometime in March.

Earth Day Events: Terri McDonald, contact person

Wed, April 22: 2 Films, beginning at 6:30 pm, Little Panida Theatre, \$7. **Red Gold** (45 min), intermission, then **Sacred Planet** (1 hr). Sponsored by STI, ID Conservation League & Rock Creek Alliance

Sun, April 26: 11 am to 4 pm - Sandpoint Celebration. Request working groups to take two-hour slots at the information table. Terri will bring more details to the next Education group meeting.

Action plan/goals: Tabled for the next meeting. John mentioned that videos motivate people but they need a next step or hands-on experience.

Viewing of "Transforming Energy" and subsequent planning: After viewing the film, we decided it was appropriate, especially to people who didn't know much about energy options, and it would spur discussion of the various viewpoints and technologies illustrated in the film. It would be good to tie in with what is going on locally. Debra summarized that we plan to show the film and frame the discussion in broad fashion and would take the flyer to church groups as there is growing interest in environmental issues in churches. Debra and Cricket will collaborate on the introduction and discussion for the film. Cricket will rework her proposed flyer.

Transforming Energy Film night

When	Where	Film	Tasks - Volunteer
3/19/09 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Sandpoint Library	" <i>Transforming Energy</i> " 60 min.	Flyer/upcoming event cards - <i>Cricket</i> Childcare - <i>Sarah</i> Coffee/Tea Donations (Perky Mama & Vinnies) – <i>Dennis</i> Advertising – Flyers at churches, listed in Bee & Sdpt Online - <i>Cricket</i> Intro on film night – <i>Debra</i> Coordinate with Energy group - <i>Debra</i>

April program: Health working group will select film & lead the discussion for April

May program: Leave No Trace presentation

The meeting adjourned about 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria