Agenda WATCH meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2012 Oaks Inn 7pm Kent Room

Present: Ken Dickson, Bill Arends, Kris Lee, Art Char, Jen Parrish, Kris Lee, Corrine Courteaux, Joel Johnston, Sheldon Parsons, Jim Hasson

Regrets: Art Parrish, Barb Parrish, Dave Courteaux,

1.0 Welcome:

2.0 Review of Minutes November 8, 2011:

M. Bill S. Art

3.0 Treasurer's Report for WATCH:

- Current Balance: \$2,373.80
 - * Kris looked into \$5.00 service charge- need to look into credit on account
 - * Corrine to look into credit

M. Corrine S. Sheldon

- Waste-Free Wambo Balance: 1756.42
- Bills to pay: N/A

4.0 Correspondence: MOE recognition

- Support nomination MOE for recognition of their hard work in Sarnia area. Kris will draft a letter.
- M. Jim S. Bill

5.0 Business arising:

Action Item from November meeting:

- 5.1 Waste Free WAMBO report
 - Inventory
 - Status of action items to complete original commitments
 - WAMBO 2012 help needed
- Second phase- complete documentation to finalize grant
- Hired Kim Glenhill to take on responsibility to complete documentation
- Need to create guideline that outlines responsibility to reduce garbage
- Go to more of an education phase to encourage vendors to not create as much garbage in the first place
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent is not prepared to lead the charge, but has been there for in-kind support
- Feel as though the public is in support of this initiative
- Would like to work with other events (i.e., Canada Day, Ribfest, Historical, Bothwell Car Show, Blenheim Cherry Festival, Walpole Island Pow Wow, etc.)
- Already approached by BIA and Chatham Canada Day committee to look into participation
- Need to involve more people in WAMBO initiative this year
- Look into a group that would replace Goodwill organization contribution
- Need to apply for Trillium Grant- Municipality does not want to hire anyone else
- Will be looking to increase the number of smaller totes to match up with smaller garbage cans- possibly consult Municipality for more in-kind donations
- Looking for a group of volunteers (to become Green Ambassadors) to help out with various events
- This year a large improvement area is the food court- would like to include a fiber recycling stream
- 5.2 Cheques to Bela as thank you \$50.00 and WDSS \$100. Grade 9 Science bursary.

- Corrine took care of this
- 5.3 Toxic levels in Great Lakes
 - PCB and Mercury are higher in inland lakes due to air deposition than in the Great Lakes

6.0 New Business:

- Elections
 - * President- Kris Lee
 - * Vice- Ken Dickson

M. Bill Arends S. Jim Hasson

- * Treasurer- Corrine Courteaux
- * Secretary- Jen Parrish
- Shell grant
 - * \$100,000 Friends of St. Clair Contest currently at 76,000 votes (we are currently in first place)
 - * Restore soft shores
- Membership dues
 - * Kris to call Joe Parry to get an updated membership list
 - * \$10 annually Joel, Ken, Jim, Art C., Kris, Jen-PAID
- * Joel to be liaison- need to look into contact for Pow Wow / Joel also asked about Fall Fair on Labour Day weekend
- * Members can send membership amount to Corrine's address @ 122 Turnbull Wallaceburg, ON
- * Art C. is looking for someone to take over LANXUS position
- * Ken would like to send a letter to Dalton McGuinty regarding Environmental budget- Jim and Ken agreed to draft a letter
- * Next meeting- Tuesday, October 9th 2012
- **7.0 Next meeting:** Adjourned: 8:05pm