

## **CITIZENS FOR SOLAR**

### **Meeting of January 29, 2012**

**Present:** Bruce Joseph, Bill Cunningham, Vivian Harte, Toby Schneider, Rob Crossland, John Hiserman, Robert Bulechek

**Solar Powered Lighting at Catalina State Park:** John brought a draft description on how this could be done. The lighting will be in the Large Group Area first, we'll test them for six months, then duplicate in the Small Group Area. John and Bruce will do more research on LEDs and be in charge of the project. The plan is to get the Large Group Area done in February or March in a 2-day project.

**Other Events:** Bruce showed us four other events we could be a part of:

- 99% Meet Yourself, February 18, \$50
- Peace Fair, February 25, we're already signed up
- Solar Rock, March 18
- Earth Day, April 17, with ½ hour presentations

Robert suggested that Bruce talk with James McGinnis of the Solar Partnership, Pima Association of Governments, about doing these booths together. We decided not to do the 99% Meet Yourself booth unless the Solar Partnership does it with us and pays the fee. We will do the other events. Robert will help at the Peace Fair and Solar Rock. Toby will help at the Earth Day event.

**SHE Tests:** Bruce has all the equipment except one more to come in the future. There's not much of an assignment yet, but he does have the equipment for a simple temperature test of the SHE Pot.

**Leaf Tickets:** CFS has made \$1,000 so far. The Solar Guild took tickets and has sold \$500 so far, of which we get ½. Half the money is going into community service and half into the CFS organization account. We can sell Leaf tickets at all the events we go to.

**Administration:** Bruce needs to contact Bruce Plenk (our attorney) re: federal and state paperwork.

**Mt. Lemmon:** Bill reported that putting together a gathering for a potluck in the fall is difficult. Ski Valley will rent to us, but they're concerned about us giving away free food, which will be competing with them. There is the Music on the Mountain series with many bands playing, but that would be difficult to pull off too because there is no camping overnight and lots of trees that will make shade. At Rose Canyon Lake, everyone would have to pay \$20 to get in. There is also Molino Basin five miles up at 4500 feet that has a group area. We would have to work with the Forest Service to go there. Bruce said the Tucson Homebrewers Club goes up every year, and he'll see if we can participate with them.

**Potluck:**

PVs for stage: Bruce talked with George Villec of GeoInnovation, and he's fine with that date.

PA system for stage: Bruce talked to his friend Mark, and he will loan us the PA system again.

Parking: Vivian suggested that someone take responsibility for making sure the cars are parked correctly in the large area behind the Large Group Area so that people can drive in and out easily.

Raffle: Bruce will apply to Ace Hardware for a composter. He will talk to Cantino West about donating a SHE Pot or Sun Oven. Vivian will talk to the Solar Store about donating a Sun Oven. Robert will offer an energy audit. Tell everyone that the monies raised in the raffle go to community service.

Design of t-shirt: Bruce will do a draft

Signs: Bruce talked with Harry Melodias about taking care of the signs. Harry said he would repaint them and get them up at the appropriate time, although he won't be able to attend the Potluck.

Sundial: Toby and Rob will make a sundial.

Tent: Toby will talk with his renter about using his tent. Bill will do his best to provide a demonstration cooler. Rob may be able to drive the cooler to the Potluck at the bottom of Toby's dish. Disco ball? Video games? Children's videos?

5:00 Potluck: Bruce will buy silver, plates and glasses.

Advertising: Vivian brought flyers to be copied and handed out. Bruce put the Potluck on the Green Living Arizona website. Rob will put ads in the Peace Fair and Sustainable Tucson websites. Bruce will contact Robert to put ads on other websites. Bruce will ask John Allison to do another video, and he'll send it to TV stations. Toby will take flyers to the car park that has PVs and to the Oro Valley Library.

Cookbook: Vivian suggested having the cover page with heavier paper. John suggested having it yellow, that we have a tearout "join" page, and that we include our website address in the book. Bruce will send Vivian 4-5 recipes. We can sell the cookbooks at events too.

Newsletter: Vivian will get another newsletter out before the Potluck.

Potluck stuff: Bruce has the banner. Jerry Samaniego probably has the A-frames, 20' x 20' shade structure and old t-shirts. Bruce will call him to find out.

Coffee mugs: Bruce will check into getting coffee mugs without dates.

Musicians: John and Bruce will ask people they know. \$50 stipend? We need 4 in all.

Speakers: Robert can speak on energy efficiency. Bruce can ask his friend Mary to do another talk on composting. We need for 4 in all.

Special passes: Vivian will make and copy a maximum of 30 for getting in to the Park and getting a t-shirt.

Contact businesses: Bruce and Vivian will call them, working from last year's list.

Submitted by:

*Vivian Harte*