E/285 Recycles July 14 2020 meeting via Zoom

Attending: Libby M., Shirley K., Sheila S., Sue D., Taylor W., Allayne S., Andrew R., Gary S., Chris H., Stephanie L., Karen S.

Minutes: There were no June minutes. Missed during first Zoom meeting.

Chair: Delayed til later in meeting.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Beginning, bal. June, $2925.

   Deposits — donations from straw bales. Bags made from coffee bags by Sue D.

   End bal. June, $3172.00

Zoom issue — Sue D., Gary and Sue D., Sheila, Karen cannot get in — Says host has another zoom meeting. Can we figure this out? Resent link.

Community Days — Possible stationary parade mid-September featuring non-profits and local business. Andrew thinks anything will be cancelled due to current spikes. We would have to present info in poster form. Possibly promote reopening ReUse, Resourceful Santa Fe (https://www.resourcefulsantafe.com, our composting effort. Agreed to table idea for a month and see if event would happen.

Stephanie — started plants for Flea Market, so far no Flea Market. Should we try a virtual flea market thru Next Door? Virtual is doable. Should we promote this? No need for funds. Not a lot of interest. Table it til later.


Eldorado Hardware $50. When Stephanie asked, Destiny said she would deposit today. No response to date.

Local food gift card fund $50. Sue D. Emailed Lou Matta — no response.

Future donations. Suggest donation to Vista Grande Public Library and El Dorado Fire & Rescue the amount we usually pay Reunity. Shirley moved that we donate that amount. $225 each. Gary seconded. Approved. Taylor will deliver checks to an individual at each location after advising them of donation.

Steph asked for committee to nominate co-chairs. Libby volunteered to be co-chair. Sue D. suggested Libby send email to all asking for co-chair. Agreed.

Sue D. will send collections report on line. Chris will send email thank you for compost donations.
Allayne and Sue D. attended opening of Sarah Pierpont’s Creative reuse center — Resourceful Santa Fe at 2879-A Industrial Road. Accepting donations. She is collecting recycled art material and thrift store items. Supporting economic development of local artists. Four pianos available. Requesting donations by appt. only. Can we put something on our website for Resource Santa Fe? Will check with Sarah on timing.

Zoom meeting ends at 40 min. Ended. Stephanie created paid account for $14.99/month. $16.06 with tax, sent new invites and meeting resumed. No objections to payment. Treasurer will reimburse monthly for period of time we have to have Zoom meetings.

E/285R members were invited to video, The Story of Plastic, and follow-up webinar by the Center for Biological Diversity. A focus of the webinar was Sen. Tom Udall’s bill offering mechanisms to curb plastic pollution.

Libby, Gary, and others who watched found the story of Plastic totally depressing. The amount scattered in the environment is staggering and the costs to municipalities to deal with disposed plastic is also staggering. It is possible to watch the video through Amazon for $3 or Discovery Go Streaming Service.

Group discussed what our organization can do?
Ideas: Contact new county commissioner
       Write article for New Mexican “My View”. Stephanie and Karen will draft.


Stephanie/Karen will craft a letter everybody could use if they choose not to write own.

Stephanie suggested asking Amazon to start rating system for packaging; stop sending mixed envelopes. Create rating system for any sellers’ packaging.

Andrew will investigate which Amazon packaging can be recycled in Eldorado and make that known. Sue D. Says some packages come with website link for info about that packaging.

Sheila suggests including in package information such as, “This is not recyclable.”
Labeling in reverse way — what cannot be recycled?

Sheila — other issues. New “styrofoam” peanuts made of cornstarch that are theoretically compostable. When it looks like plastic it goes to recycle plastic, big mess. Can probably only be composted in commercial facility.

Sue D. — companies are trying to find shipping materials that are cost-effective.

Stephanie — if not Amazon — your personal campaign. Report time spent to Joe D.
Shirley — Should we open LaT collections minus #5s? Cosmetic collection - have to buy box. Put on hold since we could not collect for a while. Agreed. Sue D. will send email about status of collection to all. We approved paying for the cosmetic box if we cannot get free one.

Libby: Upper Pecos Water Assn. Fighting Australian mining company who wants to mine. Trying to designate as a ?Waterway. She will send link for you to sign if you wish.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20.