I. **Volunteer to take minutes**
Schwartzkopf volunteered to take the minutes today.

II. **Meeting Minutes**
Meeting minutes from 2/17/17 were approved as corrected.

III. **Campus Tour Planning**
McCue would like to take the Committee on a campus tour to see the new dining hall, how recycling is being done on campus, Climate Action Plan changes, etc. The tour will be on Friday, April 28, at 11:00 am (one week after the April meeting) and will finish up at the new dining hall. After the tour Cowan volunteered to buy lunch at the new dining hall for those on the tour.

IV. **Commuter Survey**
Schwartzkopf passed out copies of the commuter survey, which is sent out to the campus community every spring; the results are used to calculate commuting emissions for the carbon footprint update. Urban will email out the survey to everyone on campus during the first week of April, with an April 20 or 21 deadline. In the past, there have been 1100-1200 responses. Students who participate can submit their email address for a chance to win a gift certificate at the campus Barnes and Noble bookstore. Moved and seconded to allocate $25 for a gift card for this year’s drawing. Approved.

V. **Mankato Area Progressives Network**
Schwartzkopf asked the Committee to consider becoming part of the newly-formed Mankato Area Progressives (MAP) Network. MAP is a free website that serves as a clearinghouse of information about local progressive groups, their missions, and events they sponsor. It would help get the word out to the community about the Environmental Committee and its events. Moved and seconded that the Environmental Committee should join MAP. Approved.

VI. **Reports**
   a) **Recyclemania Subcommittee**
Urban reported that Recyclemania posters have been put up around campus. The Game Day event this year was the women’s and men’s basketball game on February 18. Photos were taken. Pencils were given to some of the children who recycled. From the amount of material that volunteers estimated was recycled, Game Day looked better this year than the year we won.

b) **CAP Subcommittee**
Schwartzkopf reported that plans have been firmed up for the CAP celebration next fall semester. The event will be on Tuesday, September 26 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Ostrander. The keynote speaker will be Jamie Jacquart, Assistant Director of Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and an MSU, M alumnus. There will also be discussion of the MSU, M Climate
Action Plan – where we are, what we’re doing, and what we’ve done. The total cost of bringing Mr. Jacquart to campus will be about $1700. There is money in our account to cover it; the CAP Subcommittee will also explore partnering with other groups on campus to help with the cost. The CAP Subcommittee will continue its planning for this event.

c)  Earth Day Subcommittee
The Committee Earth Day event will be a campus clean-up. Olson reported that he has arranged with the Student Engagement Office to register students for this event. A $50 gift card will be given to the student who collects the most trash. Olson also reported that he is meeting with Paul Corcoran, the Facilities Director, to explore the possibility of a rain garden on campus.

d)  Marketing Subcommittee
Carlson reported that he has been working with Integrated Marketing on a wordmark and a flyer for the Committee. He will have their ideas to share with the Committee by the next meeting. Still needed is information about the Climate Action Plan for the back side of the flyer. The CAP Subcommittee will consider CAP highlights for this academic year at their next meeting, and get that information to Carlson.

VII. Other Business
a)  Bee Friendly Campus
Heid reported that she, Ceurvorst and Corcoran are looking over the application to have MSU, M certified a bee-friendly campus. They are also considering places on campus to put the bees. Down Val Imm Drive by the water tank is a possibility.

b)  Bike Friendly Campus
Urban reported that he, Ceurvorst and community bike activist Lee Ganske are looking over the application to have MSU, M certified a bike-friendly campus.

c)  Task ideas for interns
Urban reported that he has received three applicants for internships. He’s still working on the process. The idea is that a student will register for an internship in his/her department and for the internship will work on defined tasks for the Committee. We won’t have interns working for the Committee until fall semester.

VIII. Announcements
a)  Cowan reported that 2 bus shelters with solar panels have been upgraded with more panels so that they can provide more light at night.

b)  The Reskilling Festival is Saturday, March 18 (tomorrow) from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lincoln Community Center in Mankato. Registration starts at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:
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Future Meetings (3rd Friday each month)