Present: Monika Antonelli, Dave Cowan, Erik Olson, Louis Schwartzkopf, Robert Sorensen, Gary Urban

I. **Meeting Minutes**
   Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 5/19/17. Passed.

II. **Reports**
   a) **CAP Subcommittee**
      Schwartzkopf reported that the CAP celebration scheduled for September 26 has been cancelled. There was a misunderstanding about scheduling Ostrander; it was scheduled for one hour which is too short a time for the two speakers planned. Prew has suggested rescheduling on March 20 or March 21, 2018.

   a) **Recylemania Subcommittee**
      Urban reported that the Subcommittee plans to partner with Community Engagement to find volunteers for the Game Day Event. It’s possible that an intern could be employed to help with Recylemania as well.

   b) **Marketing Subcommittee**
      Carlson submitted a first draft of a promotional card to the Committee for feedback. Discussion ensued. Schwartzkopf will compile the comments and give them to Olson.

   c) **Earth Day Subcommittee**
      Olson reported that the Committee’s Earth Day event, a campus clean-up, went well. The Committee coordinated with Community Engagement and had 60 volunteers, more than any other group participating in the Maverick Day of Service. Plans are to do the cleanup again this coming year.

   d) **Bee Friendly Campus Subcommittee**
      Cowan reported that on Planting Day on May 10 this year Becky Gahler and Bruce Leivermann compiled a list of the types of flowers and created a campus map showing where each type was planted. The list and map will be given to the Bee Friendly Subcommittee for their information.

   e) **Bicycle Subcommittee**
      Urban reported that he has completed the application for MSU, M to be a Bike-Friendly Campus and submitted it to the League of American Cyclists on August 10. We’ll hear back for the League sometime toward the end of the semester. Moved and seconded to approve the application fee of $100. Passed.

III. **Other Business**
    a) **Environmental Committee Fund and Foundation**
Schwartzkopf reported that a donation of $5000 has made possible the creation of the Environmental Committee Fund with the Foundation. $5000 is the minimum amount to start a fund. The fund may dip below $5000 but continuous fundraising is required by the Foundation to maintain it; the Foundation will monitor fundraising. Schwartzkopf explained how money can be donated and presented fundraising materials to the Committee. A Donate button can be put on our website to solicit donations. Urban will find out how to do this. Minimum donation is $10.

b) **Report of Accomplishments 2016-2017**
Schwartzkopf and Prew have compiled a list of Environmental Committee accomplishments in the last academic year, and Prew has added supporting material. The finished draft will be emailed to the Committee before the next meeting, so that the Committee can vote to approve it.

IV. **Announcements**

a) **Recycling at off-campus apartments**
Cowan asked Olson if recycling will be continuing this year at Stadium Heights. Olson: Yes. The bins are in place. But Highland is being stubborn. They don’t want to spend the money on a dumpster for recycling.

b) **Furniture pickup**
Olson said Habitat for Humanity on campus is considering a pickup of furniture discarded by students in the student residences at the end of the school year. The furniture collected would be sold to ReStore and the proceeds would go to Habitat for Humanity. The Committee was very supportive of the idea.

c) **Publicity photos**
Cowan suggested that at some future meeting a photo should be taken of the entire group for a Committee flyer and other publicity. The Committee was supportive of the idea.

d) **Getting More Students on the Committee**
Cowan suggested to Olson that he encourage students to sign up for the Environmental Committee by going to [www.mnsu.edu/mssa](http://www.mnsu.edu/mssa) and submitting their applications there.
e) **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**
Cowan reported that the first step in the installation of the electric vehicle charging stations in the “U” parking lot by the Student Union and the Library will be to do the electrical trenching.

f) **Campus Summit Spring 2018**
Antonelli reported that there will be a campus summit Spring 2018 on agriculture, food and natural resources and asked if the Committee should be involved. The response was a resounding “yes.”

g) **Bicycle Registration**
Cowan reported that 103 bicycles were registered on campus last spring. Another bicycle registration is planned for next week. Residence Hall students are the target audience.

Respectfully submitted:

*Louis Schwartzkopf*

*Future Meetings (3rd Friday each month)*
*Friday, September 15th Su 202*