I. Approval of minutes
Prew called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 19 was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.

II. Earth Day Plans
The Environmental Sustainability Organization is planning a tabling event for Earth Day, Monday, April 22. The event will be in the plaza from 11am-2pm; the alternative location in case of rain will be the Student Union. A number of organizations will have tables, including the Environmental Sustainability Organization, the Smoking Cessation Program, the Community Engagement Office, the Living Earth Center, Mankato Zero Waste, Friends of Minneopa State Park, and the Zoology Club.

III. Recap of the Power of Minnesota Event
The Environmental Committee partnered with Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) and other organizations on a film screening of the documentary “The Power of Minnesota” with a community discussion following the film. The event was on Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00-8:30pm in Ostrander Auditorium. Attendance exceeded expectations, with 110-120 participating.

IV. Environmental Committee “Director” Proposal
Prew presented his Proposal for an Environmental Committee Director to the Committee. The Proposal considers two options, quarter-time release and half-time release, and suggests duties of the director (who would be the co-chair) for each option. Much discussion ensued. Prew will take his proposal to Dave Cowan and Paul Corcoran for their suggestions before submitting it to the administration.
V. Other Business / Announcements

a) Annual Report
Schwartzkopf reminded the Committee that it’s time for the annual report. There was a general consensus to do one.

b) Commuter Survey
Schwartzkopf has asked Gary Urban to send out the Commuter Survey to all students, faculty and staff. The Commuter Survey is used in the development of the Carbon Footprint Update.

c) Environmental Committee speaker
Antonelli asked the Committee if she should start work on bringing in a speaker this fall. The Committee decided to try get Mark Seeley back to speak on climate change. Antonelli and Schwartzkopf will work on this.

d) Greater Minnesota Resiliency Network community conversation
Antonelli reported on the community conversation held by the Greater Minnesota Resiliency Network in Mankato on April 13. The event was titled Shaping Our Future: What Will a Resilient Community Look Like 20 Years from Now? State Representative Jeff Brand was in attendance. Three themes emerged from the conversation:
  • Mankato carbon neutral by 2039
  • Creation of a sustainability guide for the area
  • Composting
A report on the event is available; ask Antonelli for details.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Louis Schwartzkopf

Future Meetings: ???