



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 6:30 pm**

Mill Street Grill, Plymouth, Wisconsin

Present: Brian Schwaller, President (EcoManity)  
Jennifer Lehrke, Vice President (LJM Architects)

- The SLG Aug.3, 2010, held from 6:30-8pm at Mill Street Grill, 506 Mill Street, Plymouth. Officers Brian Schwaller, Jennifer Lehrke and Tammie Hogan were present along with several members. (The next meeting for Sept. 7, will also be held at Mill Street Grill.)
- SLG member Ron Nielson, business coach, described the main points of a small workshop held at the home of Kristia Wildflower, Plymouth, on July 22, regarding SLG long-term planning. SLG officers and a few members who had done coordinating for SLG projects also attended. Ron passed around a handy chart showing several 5-point sections filled in at the workshop by the SLG participants. On the chart were SLG core values and main goal, SLG group opportunities, other goals, strengths, weaknesses, and initiatives; also current national and local ecology trends were noted. The information gathered was considered to a helpful aid in the coming months and during the next couple of years.
- Final preparations for the SLG participation at Earthfest were discussed and coordinated. Jon Prigge announced that the remaining rain barrels will be for sale at Earthfest for \$50 each, but only \$25 for SLG members. The rain barrel decorating contest had been cancelled, due to lack of “decorators,” even though a good number of people had bought rain barrels in the spring from SLG.
- Autumn 2010 community events were mentioned, including:
  - Chilton Food and Energy Festival, Sat. Sept. 11, at Ledge View Nature Center, offering local and organic foods, and ecology displays.

- Under-the-Moon Harvest Fest, Friday night Sept. 24, at Laack's Hall, Johnsonville, on behalf of fundraising for the Sheb. Falls H.S. culinary and horticultural departments.
- NOMAD FEST, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, to be held at Elkhart Lake Victorian Village, is a fund-raising music festival created by SLG member John Prigge six years ago. SLG did a SILENT AUCTION at NOMAD FEST last year (2009) for SLG fund-raising and wants to do another one again this year. Kristia Wildflower, who did a lot of coordinating for it last year, offered her volunteer help again this year.
- SLG President Brian Schwaller announced that the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force (SSTF) and SLG were partnering together to put on a series of monthly public programs in the coming year at public venues. SLG has offered to provide speakers for several of the programs. A voluntary "speaker's bureau" sheet was passed around at the meeting for sign-up by those interested. Again, a good opportunity to "get the word out on sustainability and on SLG" would exist for SLG members, including corporate members, when presentations were made at these jointly-held public programs. Volunteer sign-ups are still being accepted for the SLG speakers bureau. SLG Vice President Jennifer Lehrke, who is also on the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force, has already offered to lead this new partnering project.
- Jennie Heinzman , SLG member and LTC wind power instructor, announced that a recently-formed student led, LTC Student Sustainability Group will have a table at Earthfest and also has their own LTC campus garden project. She informed the attendees that a Manitowoc Sustainable Living Group with its own website recently has been formed.
- The concept of a "Local Green Marketplace" resource list for green products, not just food, was briefly discussed. It was suggested that more research needs to be done about developing that kind of list.
- A general membership drive was briefly discussed. Ideas for conducting interesting and successful membership drive functions are being sought.
- President Brian Schwaller also announced that SLG secretary, Sarah Thiel, had to give up several ecology organization memberships and offices, including her being the SLG Secretary, due to a changed work situation. The officers and other members expressed the sentiments that Sarah will be missed a lot and were thankful for all she had done for SLG.

Respectfully submitted by member Joyce Jordan