Library Environmental Committee Meeting 2/24/2015

Present: Susan Kendall, Jonah Magar, Emilia Marcyk, Kriss Ostrom, Stephanie Perentesis, Aaron Tomak

Regrets: Hsiang-Ping Cha, Heidi Schroeder, Mike Unsworth

Old Business:

Earth Day Event Planning – Tabled due to missing committee members

1. Library Bike Brown Bag – Postponed due to weather Multiple sessions suggested by Jonah.

2. Earth Day Open House

-Discussed specific topics. Overall theme is bicycles on campus. -Eric is looking into inviting bicycle associations to come and set up tables for demonstrations. (Lansing Bike Co-op, MSU Bikes, Tri-County Bicycle Association). -Also possibly MSU Police to talk about bike safety on campus.

Earth Day Display: Continuing with the Bicycle theme. Emilia will focus on this.

3. Composting Pilot Project.

-Cliff and Jay are behind the idea but have some concerns on frequency of pickup. Weekly was proposed but we want multiple pickups each week.

-Collection is by Office of Sustainability not custodians.

-Testing/data gathering areas mostly limited to include high use staff areas, ie. Tech services, Circ, etc. My include Sparty's and large public restrooms.

-Office of Sustainability is looking forward to learning more about this project by working with the MSU Libraries

New Business:

1. Staff member expressed concerns about paper marketing mail -This is beyond the scope of the library alone and includes MSU Marketing practices on campus.

-We will look into any existing options to reduce paper marketing material and how to communicate concerns with the MSU marketers.

-Discussed material created in-house and distributed to library staff. Most material is delivered electronically but some are not.

2. What does zero waste mean?

-Tabled

3. Ecogram:

-composting pilot program announcement and bike demo announcement when applicable