

MCWW Minutes 4.29.17

- Josh opened the meeting with scheduling the WW members attendance at the Swap Shop during its opening week. We still have some open spots to be filled, here is what has been scheduled so far:

Tuesday, 4/4	Wednesday, 4/5	Thursday, 4/6	Friday, 4/7
Anna 10am-12pm	?? 10am-12pm	Josh, 10am-12:30pm	?? 10am-12pm
Alison 12pm-2pm	Dave, 12pm-1pm	WW Committee Meeting @ Swap Shop @12:30pm	?? 12pm-2pm

- Marcie and Maggie, we are hoping you might each be able to fill one of the two hour slots? Josh is able to take on another slot as well (we have three to fill).
- What are the immediate changes we will be instituting at the Swap Shop:
 - o All volunteers (both WW and Swap Shop) will wear safety vests. Jim will procure these, but more immediately we may need to borrow from one of the towns. Vests will be kept in Jim's office, which will hopefully help increase and improve communication between SS volunteers and the office.
 - o Parking signs will be placed out front on stands; signs will be put in the ground once it thaws.
 - o A locked donation box that is attached to the counter will be installed. The box will be regularly emptied by Pat and Jim.
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- When volunteering at the Swap Show we should be monitoring how long people are parked out front (within reason; e.g. if there is another parking spot available and someone is visiting with George, we don't need to enforce the 15 mins). WW volunteers need to be noting what issues they see. If someone tries to take items directly from a person donating (i.e. if they are walk over to their car and start to go through things before they have been officially received by a volunteer).
- Other ideas for improvements that we could make in the future:
 - o Flyer or handout to answer questions about what is accepted and that also provides a list of places that accept items we don't take such as Good Will, Sherwin Williams (old paint), the Restore, Syria Relief etc...
 - o Move to the Swap Shop being exclusive to local residents. Show an ID to receive a sticker for your car.
 - o Large signs posted that clearly outline accepted items and those that are not
 - o Connect with the four communities to compile a list of items that impoverished persons are in need of. They have specific individuals that they work with, so no vetting necessary. We could earmark certain items to be set aside for them.
 - o We were talking about several resolutions for poaching. We need to figure out how to track higher value items. Rule that items must stay out on the floor for 48 hours before a volunteer takes it home.
- Dave told us he is interested in starting a waste to energy (gasification using waste wood) business in the near future.