

BCWMC Education & Public Outreach Committee Meeting

October 8, 2009 – 9:00 A.M. – Plymouth City Hall, Medicine Lake Room

Members Present: Liz Thornton, Mary Karius, Margie Vigoren, Stu Stockhauss, Mary Gwen-Lenth and Pauline Langsdorf

Meadowbrook School Fall Festival – October 24, 9:00 to Noon

Your Street Connects to Lakes and Rivers is a demonstration piece we will borrow from Hennepin County. It shows how things that go down the storm drain can pollute our water. People interact with this display by rolling different colored balls from the “storm drain” on the picture through a pipe down to the “river,” a bucket at the other end of the pipe. It highlights different kinds of harmful things that can go down the drain.

Liz Thornton, Stu Stockhauss and Mary Gwen-Lenth will staff our demonstration and hand out copies of the *10 Things You Can Do* brochure. Liz will coordinate our efforts with the school.

Teacher Focus Group – 10/15/09 board item

We reviewed this board item and, depending on the results of board action, discussed our next steps on this project. We are considering holding this in early January and plan to have teachers representing elementary, middle and secondary school levels. The purpose of the Focus Group is to learn from the invited teachers how they see watershed and water education fitting into their teaching plans, what they are currently doing, what they would like to do, and what obstacles they have to working the topic into their lessons. The Focus Group will be structured as an inquiry from which we will build an agenda for future action. This is for us to learn from them and give us guidance as we move forward with educational outreach.

Due to extremely good pricing received on the joint purchase of the *10 Best Things Brochure* (six cents per piece instead of 20-25 cents) and careful planning of our other expenditures we have money in the 2009 Education and Public Outreach budget for this opportunity. With the educational expertise we have on our Education/Public Outreach committee we feel confident that we will design a Focus Group that will benefit us. We expect that the teachers will also have found it of value to them. The money requested is for a total of \$1,000 to be used for \$100 stipends for up to 10 teacher participants.

Public Outreach Related to BCWMC Projects and TMDL Studies

We need more information related to current public outreach on BCWMC projects and studies. We would like to receive information from our consultants as to who determines the physical extent of the area that receives project information and public meeting notices related to

projects and studies? We also need to know what the cost is for our current project and study public outreach.

Website Review

This has been postponed to our November meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Joint EPOC - 10/13/09 – 8:30 A.M. – Plymouth City Hall, Medicine Lake Room

BCWMC Ed/Public Outreach Committee Meeting – 10/16/09 – 9:00 A.M. – Plymouth City Hall – Parker's Lake Room

BCWMC Ed/Public Outreach Committee Meeting – 11/13/09 – 9:00 A.M. – Plymouth City Hall