

Environmental Club meeting minutes

September 9, 2009

- 1. Political Activism Committee (in charge: Josh Rutenburg <jhr1@rice.edu>)**
  - a. Article for this week: Many new species found in Paupa New Guinea volcano.
  - b. Sprinkler efficiency
  - c. Project 350
  - d. E-waste (computer parts, etc)
- 2. Social Activities and Fundraising Committee (in charge: Autumn and Becca)**
  - a. We need to Apply for: Student Activities Grant to pay for Green Dorm Initiative.
  - b. Contact Becca and Rachel if you want to acquire grant writing experience!
  - c. Bake sale fundraiser! Monday 9/14, from 11-2 @ RMC.
- 3. Local Foods and Conference Committee (in charge: Joyce [jy4@rice.edu](mailto:jy4@rice.edu) or Liz)**
  - a. A plan to educate Rice Students about the environmental impact of the servery food.
  - b. Composting pilot Food can be composed
    - i. Before it is put on the plate
    - ii. After it is on the plate and partially eaten.
  - c. Use of Tupperware in serveries?
- 4. Green dorm project (If you want to help, contact Nicole Kwan at <nkh1@rice.edu>)**
  - a. Overview: A program with incentives to actually make your dorm more sustainable.
  - b. Possible incentives: “grass”hopper card for sustainable businesses, silver, gold, platinum certification; even possibly tetrapoints!
  - c. Steps to do: proposal, point system, incentives, choose dorm for pilot project, research the dorm, form final plan, publicize, and implement.
  - d. Projected start up: Early November
- 5. North v. South energy conservation contest.**
- 6. Report from the farmers market trip**
  - a. It was good
  - b. They like to give you samples of food, often.
  - c. It happens every Tuesday 3:30-7pm
- 7. Thursday 9/14 Planet Earth showing. Time and location TBA**
- 8. Galveston Beach cleanup: (In charge: Angela)**
  - a. Sunday, 9/27 is the date
  - b. We are in need of drivers
  - c. Time shall be decided
- 9. I've sent out invites to people to use our *calendar*. Just get a gmail.com email address ([www.mail.google.com](http://www.mail.google.com)).**