

KEEP DUBUQUE COUNTY CLEAN & GREEN

Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 7 p.m.,
Mary Alexis Room, Loras Alumni Campus Center



Present: Gary & Carol Thompson, Nick Kringle, Jeanne Kringle, Tony Clemen, Kristi Trentz, & Bev Wagner

Old Business

- **KIB/KDCCG Bank Account** – Current balance \$4090.77
- **Website report** – we now have a twitter account and people are joining it. It seems to have quite a bit of traffic. Thanks to Nick for all of his work on this!
- **Storm Drain Stickers** – Gary, Carol, and Tony are working on completing the stickers. Green Dubuque is also working on them.
- **“Tidy Town” Award Info** – Tony shared a model from Ireland based on a points system where a community completes a survey and then have the chance to win cash and recognition. He will keep researching and report more in the future.
- **Grant partnership opportunity with Catfish Creek Watershed Project:** No news
- **DMASWA Strategic Planning** – Agency is still in the planning stage. More decisions will be made as the 2011 budget is determined. Plans are proceeding for methane capture and measures should be installed in spring 2010.
- **2009 Eco Expo** – Brainstorming ideas included: organic gardening, organic farmer (Nick sent contact info), composting, ionic Seed Exchange, Planting prairies (Matt O’Connell), Roadside Beautification (suggestions from Gerry Schnepf?) Time for Expo – February or March – Jenny will check on dates. Planning committee for event: Jenny, Bev, Tony, Gary, Nick, and Roger. Ray will provide contact information for possible speakers.
- **Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet events** – October 2 & 3 – The Dubuque Drug Task Force, Dubuque Area Substance Abuse Coalition, and Dubuque County Safe Youth Coalition are sponsoring a collection event for prescription and over the counter medications. (Over 500 pounds of medications were collected at this event.)
- **Green Drinks** – Green Drinks is the first Wed of every month (November 4 for the next one) @ 180 Main from 6:30 to 8:30(or later). It is basically a very casual social gathering for likeminded people with an interest in environmental integrity.

New Business

- **Schedule Swiss Valley Road clean up** – will be scheduled at October meeting
- **Bald Eagle Watch Day Display** – DMASWA will pay for additional table to be used by KDCCG. Volunteers will be needed to be at the display and answer questions. The date is January 23, 2010.
- **Other** – Pat Hayes from the Dubuque County Conservation Commission invited us to be a partner in a project to label plants in the marsh area behind the Greyhound track. More information to come.

Next Meeting (4th Wednesday) – October 28, 7 p.m. at Mississippi River Museum.