

NEW LEAF MEETING NOTES 1/29/2013

1. PORTLAND

Everyone had a really great time.

--We will put on an event about our trip to the rally.

2. HAMPFEST

Next Wednesday in the evening.

--At next meeting we will devise a schedule for shifts at the Hampfest table.

3. DIALOGUE

Before today's meeting, Emily and others had a meeting about those who will facilitate the dialogue, how the dialogue will be structured.

--Questions: What issues/problems have you found with the current student environmental movement on campus? What solutions do you see for the future? The first questions will be asked in small facilitated groups, and the second in a large group.

--The meeting will be held the Wednesday after Hampfest.

--We want to reach out to as many students as possible.

--We have a need for people to document the discussion.

4. FUNDING

We currently have an outstanding balance (from duplications for the fall semester rally), but Tika is going to go talk to Ficom and work her magic to straighten things out. Unfortunately due to our outstanding balance we are on probation.

5. SCREENING

The Last Mountain, was scheduled for Hampfest, but needs to be rescheduled.

--We will move the screening (potentially) to February 4th.

6. D.C.--17th of February

We have received permission to stay in the St. Stevens Episcopal church in D.C.

--Issue with church: people will need to bring sleeping bags/pads.

We will receive funding for busses.

--We could also receive funding for hotel, and with the hotel we would get meals.

We will receive funding for public transportation while in the city.

Plan: The bus will leave Saturday morning and we will stay over the night and return back to Hampshire on Sunday.

We should have a small teach-in for all the people signed up to go on the trip to D.C.

7. FRACKING

We have not started the dialogue with the Anarchist collective to start planning the event.

KIM: There is a guy who knows a lot of science and opinions about fracking and has a sense of humor. She does not know his affiliations w/fracking but he seems to be someone who would be great to schedule as a speaker. He can come the evening of Feb 14th or evening of Feb 15th.

--We would need to go through another student group for funding if he wants to come to speak at Hampshire.

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--We should possibly advertise to the surrounding community about this event to tie it in to the current threat this area is under for fracking.

--Do we want to frame this event like a teach-in? This could be a great way to raise awareness.

--If the speaker came, we could begin with an overview of the specifics of fracking in this area, or we could ask speaker to frame his speech to target how fracking effects communities, etc.

--We could follow up the speech with fracktivists giving testimonials/sharing info.

--Kim will come back next week with more solid information.

8. Announcements

KIM: Has been working with activists (affiliated w/Sierra Club) on the issue of the coal plant in Holyoke.

--This Saturday and next Sunday there will be a letter writing/valentines card making party to send to governor Patrick--because WHY THE FUCK NOT.

--Drew Grandy is another activist who could come and teach us about specific tactics (local/fed government) environmental activism.

--We could organize a google doc (or something) to communicate between five college environmental groups.

EMILY: Idle No More, The modern day indigenous peoples movement

--We could have a teach in about this movement

Side Note: We should watch the Promise Land (Hollywood movie about Fracking with Matt Damon and John Krusijcnski idk how to spell his name)