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August 13, 2008

#### ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, St. Paul  
Denise Leezer, MPCA  
Elizabeth Storey, CRWD  
Gordon Dietzman, National Park Service  
Jana Larson, Hamline U. - CGEE  
Kathy Swenson, National Park Service  
Lane Christianson, City of Minneapolis  
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA/NPS

Madeline Banschbach, Carver County  
Maggie Jungbluth, Project WET at DNR  
Margie Vigoren, City of Plymouth  
Melissa Reimer, Minnehaha Creek WD  
Molly Johnston, Eco-Education  
Peggy Knapp, CGEE at Hamline U.  
Stacey Lijewski, Hennepin County  
Tracy Fredin, CGEE  
Trevor Russell, Friends of the Mississippi

#### MEETING LOCATION

MWSPs met at Capitol Region Watershed District  
1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4  
St. Paul MN 55108

#### UPDATES ON METRO WATERSHED PARTNER ACTIVITIES

1. Lane Christianson: City of Minneapolis sponsored Heart of the Beast event. 1000 people turned out. Music, presentations, plays, New drinking fountain. City of Minneapolis staffed a table and had WaterShed Partners tables 2 and 3. Great success!
2. Lyndon: Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> 5 – 6:30 at Science Museum MNRRA is premiering a new movie about the Mississippi River.
3. MNRRA student art contest show – best of the last decade – on exhibit until August 24 at Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts
4. FMR is working on a state of the river report focusing on the Mississippi river, primarily the MNRRA section. Primarily to raise awareness of water quality. Will begin this fall – report will be available next fall. Contact Trevor if you have input for him on what they should focus on.
5. Minnehaha Creek WaterShed District is doing a project with Tree Trust and providing trees for \$26 to people who live in three sub-watersheds with a lot of new development and few trees.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Magnolia Blossom event was a great success. 59 people attended.
2. State Fair: Tickets and packets for volunteers will go out today.
3. Metro Media Campaign update:
  - A. Budget Review – We are a little short of our fundraising goals so we will be cutting back slightly on our planned campaign. No movie ads and a smaller cable TV campaign.
  - B. Fall activities: Comcast campaign and bathroom stall ads at the state fair.
  - C. Website: Has run into some technical difficulties which shall be resolved some time this week. Then the website will launch. Official announcement about the website will go out this fall along with a fall appeal for funding.
4. MeKnight has chosen not to fund us so as of today we have no funding for the WaterShed Partners. We will do the State Fair but after that we have no funds. We have written McKnight and asked for a 15,000 matching grant and will go to other funders to ask for additional funds to make this matching grant. Hamline will continue to support the WaterShed Partners through the end of the year. If we don't get additional support, Hamline will then discontinue administrative support and

checking out the exhibits. We are definitely working to procure funds however. Regardless, the WaterShed Partners can continue to meet, but we will have to ask for more volunteer support to keep things running.

5. Steering Committee will be holding a "visioning session" on this funding issue on August 19, 2008 at the Drew Hall/Graduate School of Education building at Hamline University from 2 – 4 pm. Please come and participate!

#### PRESENTERS:

Molly Johnston from Eco Education presented an overview of Eco-Ed's projects.

Peggy Knapp from CGEE introduced the River Education Network, that she will launch this fall. It will be available through the CGEE website.

#### NOTES

- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, September , 9 to 11 am at Capitol Region WaterShed District.** If you have an agenda item you would like covered at a meeting, contact any Steering Committee member. WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2 to 4 p.m.** at Hamline University, St. Paul. Steering Committee meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **E-mail Metro WaterShed Partners at [watershedpartners@listproc.hamline.edu](mailto:watershedpartners@listproc.hamline.edu).** Senders must be subscribed to the listserv.
- **Find contacts** referred to in the text in the partner directory at [http://www.hamline.edu/gse/cgee\\_site/WaterShedPartners/Partners/directory.html](http://www.hamline.edu/gse/cgee_site/WaterShedPartners/Partners/directory.html)
- **PLEASE update your listings** for Metro WaterShed Partners by emailing [jl Larson25@hamline.edu](mailto:jl Larson25@hamline.edu).

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