

MEETING MINUTES
Sustainable Sharon Coalition Board Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>

In attendance: Marlene Arnold, Ellen Bordman, Molli Denrich, Ralph Halpern, Paul Lauenstein, Michael Littman, Colleen Mirabello, Kathi Mirza, CP Pototsky, Helen Poynton, Cheryl Schnitzer, Xander Shapiro, David Slater, Maggie Sullivan, Simone Tamkin

1. Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes from the October 2022 board meeting were accepted..
3. Green Day Report(Zander): We are at 13 vendors. We have set a deadline for vendor signups to March 31, but are looking for 30 or 40, depending on final facility measurements of what can fit. Some highlights planned include a Swap Shop through Eve, our recycling coordinator; NE Auto Association will have EVs; Ellen is working on food trucks' Paul has been working on updating all the banners. We will get into the logistics as we get closer, but will certainly be looking for all hands on deck that day. Lisa Folger agreed to design a promotional flier. We will have both a paper version for posting and digital version to send to community groups for promoting to their organizations.

Vendors:

- All the SIGs are represented for tables (Mike will see who can represent transportation)
- Ralph has been reaching out to all the energy vendors. Personal ask is best.
- Discussion about how to get more vendors and who we are missing. Please take action.

Sponsors:

- Step and repeat photo opportunity with SSC new logo in addition to sponsor logos
- Xander shared a chart of benefits for different levels. Highest levels get logo on Stainless Steel water bottles, and jute bags which we will be selling. Sponsors will also be promoted on the SSC website and in the newsletter.

Food Trucks:

- We are hoping to have a few food trucks. If you have personal connections or anyone else you think we should invite, let us know.
- Suggestion for inviting a “sweet” truck (e.g. Sweet 16?) or have bake sale if allowed.

4. Maggie Sullivan is stepping down as VP which leaves a vacancy that Ellen Bordman has agreed to fill for the remaining 3 months of the year. This leaves a board vacancy that Colleen Mirabello has agreed to fill by joining the board.

- a. MOTION to accept Colleen as a new member of the board, passed unanimously (9, 0).
- b. MOTION to elevate Ellen Boardman to VP position, passed unanimously(9,0).

5. Treasurer's Report (Dave): No formal report, but we are in good shape with about \$8K in the bank. Dave mentioned that the Unitarian Church would like to donate to an SSC cause but for "boots on the ground" type of project, rather than just a general donation. Ideas were shared including planting trees and other indigenous plants around the High School or lake area.

6. Secretary's Report (Marlene): The following electronic vote occurred since the last meeting: On October 22, 2022, Cheryl asked for SSC to approve use of the SSC logo on promotional materials endorsing Red Lentil's use of Reuzzi reusable takeout containers. Due to Cheryl's involvement in Reuzzi, she recused herself from voting. The vote passed (11 Yes, 0 No)

7. Membership report (Marlene): We currently have 37 Members in Good Standing (MIGS), 16 additional Registered Members (53 total members), 8 Associates, 11 who actively attend meetings but have not registered.

8, SSC Newsletter report (Molli): We have about 1,000 subscribers and numbers have been fairly consistent with about a 50% opening rate. Would like to see more content submitted in the google doc, which is sent to a list of SSC group leaders and associated town people.

9. Monthly SSC meetings were on Zoom for the fall and winter. Cheryl asked what people want to do for spring and summer. Wifi has been an issue for in-person. Several members liked the collaboration of meeting in person, but others had concerns that they wouldn't be able to attend as regularly. We agreed that we will continue to meet on Zoom for now, but will hold the Annual meeting in June in person.

10. As a followup to our previous discussion of ways to reduce the amount of electronic votes, Marlene and Dave came up with the following change to Bylaw 6.5 Disbursal of Funds:

Change: Subject to the direction of the board, the president shall have the power to disburse funds when the treasurer is not available to do so. *Both the president and treasurer may disburse up to \$100 without the need for a board vote.*

To: Subject to the direction of the board, the president shall have the power to disburse funds when the treasurer is not available to do so. *The Board shall vote at the first meeting of the fiscal year to set a maximum amount that the treasurer or president may disburse at their discretion, without the need for a further board vote. The Board may vote to change the amount at any time.*

MOTION to change Bylaw as stated above, passed unanimously (10,0).

MOTION to set a maximum of \$250 for discretionary disbursement by the Treasurer or President according to the new bylaw, passed unanimously (10,0)

11. We still have vacancies in leaders for SSC Kids, Outreach and Nominating groups, but we have two new LWSA leaders.

12. Next meeting Wed 2nd week of April 7 pm by zoom.

Meeting adjourned