

NEAN Energy Education Committee Notes – Lincoln Action Program 4/3/07**Attendance:**

Shirley Niemeyer
Rick Cheloha
Bill Lucke
Pete Davis
Gary Rullifson
Diane Vesely-Robb

Review of Grand Island Minutes
Review Energy Education Minutes from March 8, 2007

Energy Forums

Rick asked to follow up with the surveys from the Using Energy Wisely Forums

Funding

800 kits purchased @ 25.00 a kit
Grant for \$58,300
Discussed the possibilities to do again – no other costs just the kits.
Bill Lucke will be looking at items to give out

Judy Martin – Conference call**Nebraska Energy Burden Study**

The Nebraska Energy Burden Study was submitted on March 23rd
The status of the grant application is in sub-committee for OPPD review - an update will be given at the April 12th meeting

Application to Creighton Legal Clinic working on steps to becoming 501c3

Using Energy Wisely Forum Follow up's

Reminder to follow up with client participants
There were 500 names and addresses and the goal is 200-250 surveys returned – a follow up card will be sent to client participants

Membership

- Proposal to charge membership fees
- ownership
 - be more active + engaged
 - utilities \$300
 - government \$200
 - non-profits \$100

Judy asked for members to get their membership letters in discussion took place on charging membership or not.

Applying for Grants

- subcommittee
- additional sources of revenues
- entering into agreement with Red Cross to be the fiscal agent

Website

Gwen located company to do for \$600 (Development not monthly fees)

Approval to get funds to pay through membership

Who will use → participants – NEAN

We can make it look like we want it to – we can decide this

→ Goal to get to the consumer to use the website

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Participant – advocate for the client (low income)

Start with us using it – direct it back to each of our website

Multiple targets

Brochure

There is a group working on brochure to be used as a recruiting tool for members. Some have been having a problem with the logo coming up.

- Information needed for the brochure
- Why & how we formed will be included
- What would we like to see in the brochure
- Judy will have this to present for the April 12th meeting

Committees

Our committee is our own we can lead as we wish. We can choose to break down into sub committees or expand.

Judy is going to Nashville in June to attend a Building a Guide to Finding an Energy Efficient Home. She will gather the information and bring it back to share with us.

Who are we???

Look at definition
Energy education committee

Discussion of Energy Education mission

Each of us needs to look at it and come up with our own.

Who is our target?

Low income ??

Website –

State mission and vision on the website

Discussion took place about the need of changing conservation to energy efficiency or another term other than conservation.

Children education in schools

Elementary schools – there is a need for energy education/safety in schools.

- Tools for schools
- Energy HOG
- Energy Audits at schools
- REACH children's curriculum

Grant funding

Resources available
Need for grant writer to apply for funds
Dollars available for education
Implement statewide project
\$25,000 forums for kits
USDA – Rural Development
Foundations
HUD funding for educations dollars

Homework for the Energy Education Committee:

Top 5 choices of items (kits)
Mission statement
Bring brochures on resources

Existing resources for energy education

- what is out there
- Listing resources on website
- Builders & remodelers video
- Shirley's video on mold and moisture

Next meeting -

NEAN meeting will be held April 12th at Aquila

Energy Education Committee meeting May 10th at 9:30 (prior to NEAN meeting)