

NEAN Energy Education Committee Notes — June 14, 2007

Attendance:

Rick Cheloha
Diane Vesely-Robb
Cory Fuehrer
Shirley Niemeyer
Rick Hemphill
Roger Hunt

Review of Minutes

Review Energy Education Minutes from May 10, 2007

Executive Meeting Notes

- Cory — Nothing new to report

Follow-Up Surveys

- Jerry Deichert from UNO will present final data on using energy wisely forums

The Juan Diego Forum

- Language was a barrier
- Possibility of a PowerPoint in Spanish to overcome barrier

Winnebago

- There are kits available from last year's forum
- Shirley is working with Mona (Tribal Environmental Health Specialist) in South Dakota and set to present June 29 to cover energy education and mold
- Sent 50 posters with NEAN logo

Energy Kits

- Ideas for left over kits included presenting for other reservations or low-income audiences in Nebraska, possibly in Grand Island
- Low-Income Homebuyers Training – energy efficiency component providing kits
- 40 energy kits are left

REACH

- Lincoln Action Program applied for another REACH grant, the submission was due June 1. The focus of this grant will be health and safety for both the elderly and young children.

New Energy Kits

- Pricing kits with compact fluorescent (\$1.95 for 13 watt, \$2.05 for 17 watt, \$2.15 for 23 watt) night-lights, shower heads (\$7.95), refrigerators cards (\$1.15), water heater card (\$1.15), rope caulk. Priced through Niagara Conservation were the former kits were purchased.
- Possibility of pricing through Home Depot, Sam's, Menards or Lowe's to get at a reduced rate.
- Shirley and Diane will contact Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Lowe's and Menards about pricing the kits for both 200 and 1000.
- The goal will be reaching about 1,000 households possibly through Nebraska Health and Human Services System clients
- Target population – Homeowners vs. renters, possibly landlords
- Possible funds available through NPPD

- Contacting the companies through a letter asking to underwrite the cost of the kits, discount the cost of the kits, and then the bottom line of the cost.

Possible Grants

- Last year Shirley submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust, mini-grants for \$2,500 for public information education
- \$8,000 for developing an online curriculum through Housing and Architectural Landscaping for Sustainability and Energy for kits or research.

UNO Data from Using Energy Wisely Forums

- Energy Burden Study looking at the energy needs and burdens of low-income households in Nebraska
- Started statewide through NEAN, they will still complete the state total, and then look at the OPPD service area, comparing the two
- A phone survey will be developed in the OPPD service area covering 800 households, 300 in Douglas county, 100 in Sarpy county, and split the rest (400) in the remaining OPPD service counties
- Cost per completed interview will be \$20 plus cost of analysis, could range \$30-\$40
- Goal for completing is end of July or early August
- Surveys would take about 10 minutes
- Jerry discussed and handed out the results of the forums
- Mailed out 471 questionnaires, 274 responses returned, 263 usable, about a 60% response rate

Next meeting

NEAN meeting will be held July 12, 2007 at NorthWestern Energy