

**SUSTAINABLE STILLWATER**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 25, 2005**

**Present:** Scott Byrd, Dave Fox, Marcia Fox, Dan\_\_\_\_\_, Cara Beer, Emily Wagner (Eco-Pickup) and student visitor.

**Reports:**

OSN Annual Conference: Scott Byrd reviewed the Oklahoma Sustainability Network 2005 Annual Conference held in Stillwater on Friday, April 8. Approximately 300 people attended, an even greater number than expected. Comments by participants were very positive. The 2006 conference is slated to be held in Tulsa.

It was suggested that more local people, including students, might have attended had the event been held on a weekend.

Faces and Places of City Government: The April 23 event was jointly-sponsored by Sustainable Stillwater, Neighborhood Alliance, League of Women Voters, and City of Stillwater. Thirty-five people attended to get better acquainted with City staff, the scope of a departmental responsibilities, and ways to become involved as citizens on advisory boards and committees. Verbal evaluations by participants were very positive. A final report of expenses and evaluations will be made at the May meeting.

OSU Master Plan: Scott Byrd attended as an interested citizen and shared information with SusSTW members on plans for parking, bike paths, etc.

**Program:**

Emily Wagner described her new Stillwater business, Eco-Pickup, which offers curbside recycling, “community education and awareness of current environmental issues,” and support of local environmental action. (See [www.ecopickup.com](http://www.ecopickup.com)). She also introduced R& E Recycling, a service on S. Perkins Road which pays donors for scrap metals.

**Discussion:**

Scott Byrd will be moving out of Stillwater in the summer. Therefore, a new president of SusSTW will need to be chosen. Discussion followed, with questions raised about increasing the group’s membership, setting goals for the near future, coordinating with other local organizations, supporting political candidates who are environmentally-friendly. It was suggested that the group consider quarterly meetings with emphasis on a few major events, perhaps “signature” events which will promote SusSTW. Discussion will continue at the May meeting.

**Announcements:**

**May 3** – Citizen input to the Planning Commission on the proposal for a new Wal-Mart in town

**May 21** – Electronics Recycling, 9am – 2pm at Ninth and Lowry; free to STW residents (ID required)

**May 23** - SusSTW meeting, 6:30 pm, Wesley Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Cara Beer  
in the absence of Secretary Ilda Hershey