

LAND/WATER STEWARD ASSOCIATION
LWSA Board Meeting * Sept 8, 2008 * 5:30-7:30 pm
Pyramid Ale House, Seattle, WA

Quote of the Meeting

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”
-- Margaret Mead

Board Members present: Debi Eberle; Janis Hill; Rita Moore; Aaron Park; Larry Reymann; Jessica Taylor.

Board Members absent: Janet Germeraad; Erika Rasmussen

WSU Extension Staff: Tara Zimmerman

LWSA Members: Shan Rayray; Doris Yopez

- ◆ **Welcome & Introductions** **Tara**
Shan and Doris attended to learn more about LWSA and potentially join the board.
- ◆ **Board notebooks and terms**
notebooks were distributed to new board members and updated rosters were distributed to all members. It was noted that the terms for some members are nearing completion.
- ◆ **Minutes from last meeting** **Debi**
Minutes were approved
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report** **Tara**
No formal report without bookkeeper, but the address with the bank has been changed so statements have resumed. The Association has roughly \$2800 available. Tara will look into having “returned address” fee waived.
- ◆ **WSU AG/Nat Resource Staff-“What's New”** **Tara**
staffing- New coordinator Ginny Ballard starts 9-11-08
tools for resourceful living – Nov 12th (rain gardens) Janis will provide snacks and Larry will do the drinks/coffee. Jessica will also plan to attend and can help out where needed. All board members are encouraged to attend.
short course – Oct 23rd and 24th. This will be a continuing education opportunity for stewards to learn some hand's on planting techniques, plant propagation techniques, plant selection and planting design. It is being planned jointly with EarthCorps. Registration info will be available soon.
- ◆ **Annual Meeting Planning** **Board**
Venue and speaker are confirmed for November 5th (Mercer Island Community Center and Mark Plunkett)
Tentative agenda:
 - 6pm all board members arrive

- 6:30pm stewards arrive/ grab food/ brief official meeting (ask members what they want from their board)
- ~6:50/7pm a few stewards give short PowerPoint presentations about their projects
- 7:30pm Mark Plunkett
- 8:30pm adjourn

guidance for speaker – plan for 50 min- 1 hour; talk about what citizen science is; how it is being used in Seattle Aquarium program; how program is structured; suggestions for how to get a citizen science program going (how to get someone to use/want your data, etc.)

menu plan and assignments – Rita will order and pick up pizza and salad; Debi will make a Costco run for dessert and drinks. Tara will inventory paper products and report to Debi.

steward presentations – yes, Tara will work on this.

steward appreciation – two ideas; repeat the card with all stewards names as has been used in the past (Tara will do this) and free native plants given out by name draw. All board members will brainstorm where to get these plants and try to make it happen.

- ◆ **Plans for LWSA Board for 2008-2009** **Board**
Ask the membership what they would like the board to do
- ◆ **Next Meeting/2009 schedule** **Board**

Meeting Schedule 2008

2nd Monday of the month in odd months

November 5 th	6:30pm	Mercer Island Community Center
**November 10 th	5:30-7:30pm	CANCELLED
No December meeting		
January 12 th	5:30pm	Pyramid (To be confirmed)