

Great Lakes Environmental Festival April 21-22, 2023

GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL



"Improve the environment we all share"
EARTH DAY APRIL 22
MANISTEE, MI



GLEF is a 501(c)3.

Location Manistee, Michigan

Manistee is a city in the U.S. state of Michigan located on Lake Michigan. The name "Manistee" is from an Ojibwe word first applied to the principal river of the county. The derivation is not certain, but it may be from ministigweyaa, "river with islands at its mouth." Other sources claim that it was an Ojibwe term meaning "spirit of the woods."

This is multi day annual festival is scheduled during Earth Day week. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries.

Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2023 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM Zoom Meeting

In attendance via Zoom were:

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Excused:

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- 3-14-23 meeting minutes approved (Judy-1st, Shirley-2nd)

Old Business

New Business

Lee Trucks showed us portions of the up-to-date webpage (glef.us) and gave overview of webpage features.

Regarding the GLEF event April 21-23:

- Discussed: volunteer recruitment link on the webpage. Modifications will be made to make it easier to volunteer to help out at the WSCC and Wagoner. Lee has created a useful webpage.
- Social media on Facebook and is another tool to promote GLEF.
- Shirley requested volunteers for registration table
- John will make sure liaisons know how to run equipment in the centers. Shirley will do registration table.
- Stephanie will bring name tag holders and get Shirley dimensions
- Stephanie will add green and blue color to flyer logo.
- Gary discussed video maker from Ann Arbor who may be able to show and present video on Zoom and share link
- Schedule for Dial-A-Ride 10am-5pm at \$52/hr cost = \$430. No donation from Meijer – John will follow-up about donation
- Cost for Wagoner Center \$200
- John sent letters to partners, but not soliciting funds yet
- Need to get letters to editor to thank those involved with GLEF post 2023 event and have fundraisers for next year (2024)
- Ziggy mentioned two posters will be displayed at WSCC
- Art teacher for Frankfort is interested and Manistee High to put materials at WSCC with easels they supply
- April 20th Cadillac interview Ziggy and Stephanie with short PSAs per John (5:30am)
- Shirley will contact NPR Traverse City
- Electric vehicle/car rally – Ford New E pickup truck other cares and maybe a ride about town. Rich Shrock bought Tesla and Tesla truck on order and more will display in parking lot of Wagoner Center. Electric bikes – Glaser, Lee have e-bikes. Electric mower – Gary, Electric chain saw – Ziggy. Judy – traverse the bridge to generate excitement and John will ask if this can happen. Ford, GM, Dodge in Manistee could possibly participate.

- Coast Guard – Gary will contact. Recent article in paper – “I want to get community more involved”. To be invited to provide an Info table at Expo – Gary is point of contact. Ask if Coast Guard will accept the GLEF Guardian of Great Lakes Award
- Frank Beaver will accept GLEFF Guardian of Great Lakes award, identical to Coast Guard one. Work with wild rice to be distinguished. The members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Ojibwe: Gaaching-Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabe) will be distinguished.
- Ramona will be GLEF photographer (Judy mentioned in chat Ramona said “yes”)
- Ziggy will assume role of media coordinator “look for me”
- We will promote First Congregational United Church of Christ at 412 4th Street by the Manistee County Court House for Sunday 10am Environmental Worship Service
- Gary – in Onkama will meet next week and will ask Science teacher to come –John said 3 of 5 STEM teachers to have students attend GLEF for extra credit
- Young Progressive Activists will be doing Saturday April 8 beach clean-up. Gary will contact to get gathered debris to exhibit during GLEF
- No Nature Walk planned.
- Ziggy will contact library and bookstores to see about book display emphasizing Earth Day
- WSCC student government – Ziggy will follow up and invite their participation. Ziggy to present at WSCC to influence service learning.
- City/County resolution: City was submitted, County will be submitted when Shirley is back in town or via e-mail
- Children movie at Vogue “Ponyo” will be shown at 10 am at Vogue April 22 in the large auditorium, \$0.25 per person. GLEF is sponsor and will introduce movie. Shirley will MC the event.
- Giving children beads to make wrist bands to be promoted by Ramona. Assemble for kids at WSCC. Ramona will train greeters at WSCC to make necklace with beads
- Shirley is pulling together coupons to promote businesses in folders with left over blue bags (Brian Hostika) in shed
- Zig questioned whether to send invitation the county republicans was debated and decision made to wait and see if they are interested.
- The County Dems have requested a table to share what Dems do to promote and protect the environment.
- Decision made to meet more frequently leading up to the GLEF event.

Next scheduled Zoom meeting Sun. March 19, 7:00 PM