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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: February 12, 2020
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators Report for February 2020 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

The Smart Salting class in January was full, and well received. The demand was such that we opened another training on February 18th in Minnetonka. These trainings are once again funded through the MPCA 319 grant until the end of September 2020.

We will be presenting the sandbox at Poplar Bridge Elementary School in late February.

Staff is in the process of scheduling spring, summer, and fall events, including more adult and elected official programming. I will put these dates in my memo when they are set.

Outreach

District volunteers and partners assisted in outreach efforts this month. Manager Sheely attended the EcoFaith Gathering at St. Luke's to give a presentation on the District and salt reduction. We partnered with the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to host the sandbox at the Minnetonka Kids Fest. Both events drew a significant number of people.

The sandbox had to undergo maintenance this month to fix some calibration issues. We worked with the programmer who initially worked on developing the box for us, and the issue has been fixed.

Professional Development

I attended the Climate Adaptation Conference at the U of M in late January.

Meetings

January 16	Met with Program Manager to plan education goals and events
January 17	Met with partners to discuss spring flood messaging
January 21	Met with Riley staff to discuss Diversity and Inclusion initiatives
February 6	Met with Carver County WMO staff to discuss Children's Water Festival and District involvement
February 12	Attended Watershed Partners meeting at CRWD for a presentation from Brook Asleson on MPCA salt reduction initiatives and resources

February 13	Met with Bloomington city staff and MWS to discuss raingarden guides
February 14	Met with current cohort of Master Water Stewards (MWS) to discuss capstone projects and partners

Volunteers

We hosted a Volunteer Gathering at Discovery Point on the 5th, where new and returning volunteers got to meet each other and learn more about the District. I also recognized four volunteers of distinction for the hard work they have done and support they have given the District over the years.

The full CAC will meet on February 12 to discuss goal setting and orient new members.

Master Water Stewards are busy planning their capstone projects, and we will be meeting with them to go over the Cost Share Grant process with them and make sure their projects have good plans.

Upcoming Events

February 18	Smart Salting Parking Lot & Sidewalks 8:30AM-1:30PM Minnetonka Community Center
February 19	Cost Share Grant Info Session 5:30-6:30 PM Discovery Point
February 22	Bloomington Home Improvement Fair 9:30-2 Civic Plaza