

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 6, 2013**  
**Meeting at the Clean Air Council Office, 135 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

Attending: Bill Brainerd, Emily Davis, Anne Lovett, Allan Walters, Jim Wylie

Guests: Wendi Taylor, Robin Mann

Not Attending: Debbie Barndt, Pat Beaudet, Jeanette MacNeille, John Butler, Mathew Himmelein, Dennis Winters

A quorum was not present.

**Topics discussed:**

1. Debbie submitted a letter of resignation. She has moved to the Harrisburg area to take a job there.
2. Bucks County sub group: There has been no action. Wendi said it was her plan to have a meeting with representatives from the SEPA ExComm and the Bucks County group to get a full picture of the situation. She would like an equal number from each group to attend but she has been unable to schedule a meeting at this time.
3. Contacting members via Email: Jim Wylie has been working on email contacts with members. The HELEN database has emails for 3300 of the club's 7300 area members. Jim believes the group can use CONVIO to send 2 broadcasts per month. Wendi will check on that.
4. Increasing Diversity in the Sierra Club: Wendi discussed the Sierra Club's interest in increasing the age and racial diversity of its membership. William Kramer and Sue Edwards have been participating in events sponsored by the Black Clergy of Philadelphia, particularly its Health forum initiatives. Jim Wylie spoke about the environment actions of PowerShift, specifically a Mountaintop Removal Action in which 10 students from Drexel participated. Inner City Outings (ICO) has active programs in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh but not Philadelphia – Harrisburg's program is grant funded. Robin spoke about the Eastwick partnership. Robin, Sue Edwards, and William Kramer participated in a "Dismantling Racism" training. We discussed the need to reach out to other groups, build networks and improve communication skills.
5. Senate Bill 1 (Comprehensive Transportation) in House. Bill reported that his group was unable to meet with Representative Micozzie, (Republican, Delaware County) who is chairman of the House Transportation Committee because Mr. Micozzie was ill. Discussion continued on how to take action on this bill. (History: The bill passed in the senate in June 45 to 5. It has been considered once by the House but was tabled. It is uncertain whether there are enough votes to pass.) Robin suggested it could be discussed at the upcoming program since SEPTA funding will come from this bill. Bill questioned whether this could be done since the financial support of the program come from C-3 funds. It was suggested that costs could be pro-rated. Emily will develop a sample letter, program participants can send to representatives.
6. Earth Day Activity: Anne suggested we might want to do something more than tabling for Earth day – perhaps our own activity. Suggestions included a picnic or joining with other groups in conservation activities.

**Announcements:**

1. EPA listening session to collect input on regulations for existing power plants - Friday Nov. 9. - Green Federal Building, 600 Arch Street
2. There is a Chapter Training on Saturday in Hershey. It will focus on alternative energy in PA and preparing a compelling story to use in lobbying in Harrisburg.
3. December meeting will be a dinner