

TNC Committee Meeting
Thursday March 5, 2020 6:30pm at Thurston School Library

Attendance: Jim Vallem, Beth Caldwell, Pam O'Neal, Elizabeth Morehead, Holly Zechar, Sandy Beck, Cathleen Adams

Finances – TNC has control of finances, will submit amendment to bylaws to Thurston PTO this month.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Walk - Beth Caldwell to schedule – possibly 4/18

Rain Garden Project - Sandy Beck and Cat Adams – review of site plans & plant selections; start work late April, plants scheduled for delivery 5/26. Applying for Community Partners for Clean Stream Grant – due 4/15 to fund rain garden project. Estimated \$1,025 budget for entire project. 25 % deposit needed asap for plants - \$ 208. Board will vote on funding the project if we do not receive the grant, and also fund anything beyond what the grant will cover.

Workdays – possibly scheduled close to Earth Week

Earth Week 4/20-4/24– general plan, similar to 2019. Preschool, K and 1st grade – Vegetable garden, 2nd grade – seed bombs, 3rd – water quality, 4th – invasives, specifically buckthorn and honey suckle. 5th – rain garden extension project.

Splash & Dash – June 6th – advertisement will be in Thurston Players program

Eagle Scout Project - East Pond Circle by Elan 3/21-3/22

Goats & burns – got bids to burn three areas. Unit 1 – Oak Hickory, unit 2 – low area between bridge & Conboy Trail, Unit 3 strip between two parallel trails. If the Unit 2 proves not easy to burn, would like to bring in goats for that area. Proposed for board to vote on authorizing up to \$ 3K to hire Plantwise and Twin Willow Ranch to control invasives via a combination of burns and goats. Also re-seeding with native grasses in burned areas. Board will vote on funding up to \$3,350.

Gold award – Dani Mcorkindale - sustainable project for 80 hours – Elizabeth will contact her with some project ideas.

Groundcover Project – Elizabeth will send out a letter to homes about proposal for ground cover project.