



Minutes: April 15th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Agenda Item	Action Required
Welcome and Introductions	Sam Radecki, Meghann Wolvert, Betsy Babione, Betsy Dayrell-Hart, Alycia McKowen, Megan Lamb, Cara Ortiz, Ellen Benoit, Kaley Fech
MCWC Admin.	<p>Treasury Update & Fundraising: Logo t-shirts: Tabled for future meeting.</p> <p>2020 Action Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Area 1: <u>School Engagement</u> • Priority Area 2: <u>Improving Mental Health</u> • Priority Area 3: <u>Community Engagement & Relationship Building</u> • Priority Area 4: <u>Awareness & Effective Communication</u> • Priority Area 5: <u>Get Outdoors – Activity & Embracing Natural Resources</u> • Priority Area 6: <u>Create Abundance Mentality – “We Deserve This”</u>
Earth Day, April 22nd	<p>Hannah Grogran will create a Facebook event including all of the information below. Coalition members will share the event with their communities via Facebook and Email.</p> <p>The St. Ignace News will put a short blurb about the events in the April 22nd paper. For the April 29th paper, Kaley Fech will write an in-depth article about how the community is coming together for the Earth, even though we’re physically apart. All community members who participate are also encouraged to email their photos to Kaley at kaley@stignacenews.com – please include this in the FB event).</p> <p>Kaley is also looking for more photo opportunities. If you plan to do a planting and are willing to provide a photo for the St. Ignace News, please get in touch with me or Kaley.</p> <p>The St. Ignace Recreation Dept. will post a funny Facebook video on Earth Day promoting the Community Clean up (below).</p> <p>Event Info: The MCWC and St. Ignace Garden Club will encourage community members to engage in Earth Day celebrations “apart, but together.”</p> <p>1. Starting Earth Day, April 22nd, community members will be encouraged to take a plastic bag with them when they go on walks to pick up trash (wearing gloves and other PPE as recommended).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This community clean-up will take place throughout the rest of April. People are encouraged to clean up by the boardwalk, the Railroad grade portion of the NCT from the Little Bear to Castle Rock Road, or on their street or block. People are also encouraged to snap a photo while participating in the clean-up and post to Facebook with #SpringCleanStIgnace. - Betsy D-H will connect with Carol Bell about the St. Ignace beds that need to be cleaned. Possibly, the Garden Club will rake and clean some of those beds. (This could be a photo-opp for the paper). - While cleaning up, people will be encouraged to follow the CDC guidelines for



	<p>protecting against COVID-19 – using their own plastic bags from home, wearing gloves, wearing masks if they have them, if near other people – respecting the 6-foot social distancing rule, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If people come across large items, contact Betsy D-H , who will find a way for removal. <p>2. Also on Earth Day, the MCWC and St. Ignace Garden Club will encourage community members to plant something outside, take a photo, and post on Facebook with #StIgnacePlantsforHope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alycia may be able to put seeds and paper cups for planting in the Little Libraries throughout St. Ignace.
<p>St. Ignace Garden Club Update</p>	<p>Lumber for the garden boxes is at Straits Lumber and ready to be picked up and delivered to the Garden site. Betsy D-H do this on a clear day.</p> <p>The GC then has to decide on a day to build the boxes and fill them with soil (while respecting social distancing and other recommendations). This could take place any time before June 1st, after which the seed planting will take place.</p> <p>Alex Belonga has already started some seeds in the greenhouse – some lettuce may be ready to harvest before June 1st!</p>
<p>St. Ignace Public Library Update</p>	<p>The library now offers digital library cards which gives access to their online e-book collection and other online resources. People can sign up online.</p> <p>They are also working on offering “little wi-fi hot spots” to checked out from the Library.</p>
<p>Foodpack</p>	<p>The Foodpack program helped to feed kits who get free or reduces school lunches when schools closed during the COVID pandemic. This was a whole community effort – donations came in from people who live in St. Ignace and even out of state, from the Community Foundation and from the Superior Health Foundation. Now the school is taking over the effort.</p>
<p>EUP-ISD</p>	<p>The EUP-ISD Nutrition educators hope to offer their “cooking with kids” curriculum at St. Ignace Elementary School next year. Cara Ortiz will keep the MCWC posted on this project and the status of their grant funding.</p>
<p>CTC</p>	<p>There is a CTC meeting tomorrow via Zoom at 1 p.m. In May, Meghann will host another Zoom meeting to share the results from their Healthy Youth Survey.</p>
<p>EUP Regional Planning</p>	<p>No update on the USBR-35 Sign in St. Ignace. Ellen will connect with Betsy D-H to try and get input from the Straits Bicycle Coalition.</p>



St. Ignace Recreation Dept.	Megan is creating funny videos promoting outdoor physical activity and posting them on Facebook. She's also promoting the summer youth programming and is taking registrations for the programs. Forms can be found on their Facebook page or website and can be mailed or emailed in. They will soon have a form that can be edited on the computer and then emailed in.
Mackinac Straits Health System	Via email: Mike Grisdale shared MSHS is still hosting their Rock n' Run on 10k/5k on the weekend of May 15-17. This will take place virtually – so participants can do their run at any time and at any place during that time period. Mike will share the flyer with the MCWC via email.
Sault Tribe Health Ed.	<p>Health Education has two new public health promotion commercials airing on 9&10 News. One educates on Nesewin – the sacred gift of breath – and promotes smoking cessation; the other educates on gifts from the creator – of movement, activity, dance, walking, etc. – and promotes physical activity.</p> <p>Sault Tribe Community Health is still providing patient care but from afar – doing most visits over the phone.</p>
Next Meeting:	Tuesday, May 5 th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom if needed