

Landmark Graduate Stewardship Council

Summary Report of Call / Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2015 ~ 3-5 p.m.

Landmark Center, 140 Cragwood Ave., South Plainfield, NJ

Note: A recording of the meeting / conference call is available at <http://rs3104.freeconferencecall.com:80/fcci/cgi-bin/play.mp3/19178176-11.mp3>.

1. Those attending (in part or in whole)

- Dr. Joel Harmon
- Karen Glace
- Jonathan Cloud
- Chuck Bins
- Loretta Darling
- Victoria Zelin
- Jan Graff
- Frank Wennin

Proposed members absent: Bruce McCracken, Brad Haskins, Jeff Cartwright, Dennis Wilson, Nadya Zhiliev, Dave Manning
Supporters: Anna Stefanelli, Sue Bogdan, Chaun Willis, Pam Coles, and others

Introductions were made as people joined the call / meeting and can be heard on the recording of the call.

2. Discussion of the “Stewardship Council” idea.

Jonathan Cloud explained the “stewardship council” and “commons council” models; these appear to be innovative social structures with little precedent (other than in the UK Commons Councils law, which has some relevant elements). As far as we know, there has been no prior effort to create these kinds of structures.

Membership — not discussed

Outreach — not discussed

Planned activities: — Jonathan Cloud reported briefly on the status of these items:

- i. Energy audits
- ii. Recycling program (bins, signs, placards)
- iii. Meeting other tenants
- iv. Meeting with the property manager / owner

We still intend to move forward with these, but need to consult first with Debbie Wicks, who will be taking over as our new Center Manager.

With regard to recycling, Karen confirmed that little or no recycling is done at the Center, and no one knows exactly what the cleaners do in the evening when they come in, or what the rules are exactly supposed to be. (Our meeting with the property manager should clarify this.) We also had input later in the meeting from Loretta Darling, talking about how the premises are used, and general energy use.

The remainder of the items on the agenda were discussed in very general terms, but remain items for future meetings. It's clear that we need to change the time and day of these meetings to accommodate people's schedules, and looking at Landmark's calendar it seems like Thursday is the best evening — when Landmark has few programs — and while there's no ideal pattern the second or third Thursdays of each month would seem to have the fewest programs. So I'm proposing that our next meeting be February 19th, from 7-9 p.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR SECOND MEETING
Landmark Graduate Stewardship Council

Proposed Date/Time: Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7-9 p.m.

Landmark Center, 140 Cragwood Ave., South Plainfield, NJ

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1. Introductions / Confirm Membership

When introducing yourself, please say who you are and what interests you most about this initiative. Right now we have the following listed as confirmed or proposed members of the Stewardship Council:

- Bruce McCracken • Brad Haskins • Jan Graff
- Jeff Cartwright • Dennis Wilson • Nadya Zhiliev
- Dave Manning • Victoria Zelin • Jonathan Cloud
- Chuck Bins • Frank Wennin

—with several others interested in supporting us, including Anna Stefanelli, and others. In addition, Loretta Darling and Karen Glace have agreed to act as staff advisors.

Dr. Joel Harmon, Professor of Management and Director of the Institute of Sustainable Enterprise at Fairleigh Dickinson University, has agree to serve as our external advisor.

2. Review of the “Stewardship Council” idea:

- a. The “stewardship council” or “commons council” model
- b. Membership
- c. Outreach
- d. Planned activities:
 - i. Energy audits
 - ii. Recycling program (bins, signs, placards)
 - iii. Meeting other tenants
 - iv. Meeting with the property manager / owner

3. Discussion of the “larger vision”

- a. Connecting transformation and sustainability
- b. Consciously co-creating a “world that works”
- c. Fulfilling on the promise of Landmark to transform the world
- d. Creating an “environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human future”

4. Specific suggestions:

- a. Develop a “sustainability action plan” for the Center
- b. Reach out to other Centers
- c. Offer a wellness program for volunteers and staff

- d. Look for ways to save energy, reduce waste, make the Center more comfortable and inviting
 - e. Look for ways to make the operation more efficient
 - f. Outreach to the local community
 - g. Outreach to the community of Graduates
 - h.
5. Other ideas and suggestions from the group
 6. Page online at <http://crcsolutions.org/landmark-graduate-stewardship-council-page/>
 7. Reflections and Next Steps

Thanks



Jonathan Cloud

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Attachments: Recycling Flier



RECYCLING



Recycling is Easy — and it's the law!

Put in the Blue bin:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and tin cans
- Plastic water and soda bottles
- Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail)
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Textiles

Put in the Trash:

- Plastic bags
- Food wrappers
- Tissues
- Food waste (if no composting is available)

Separate:

- Hazardous materials
- Electronic waste
- Fluorescent tubes
- Batteries

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Thursday, January 15, 2015