

Marine Education Center Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
July 8, 2020 4:00-5:00
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Members -Sarah Robbins Evans, Peter Linderoth, Ann Sklar, Brendan Lewis

VoM: Naturalist Kyle Troy, Trustee Victor Tafur, and Assistant Village Manager Dan Sarnoff

Naturalist, Kyle Troy, Staff Report

- Kyle reported the Marine Education Center is up and running. Dan and Kyle confirmed the Center is following NYS guidelines for opening the space during the pandemic
- Floating wetlands are being deployed
- Projects with partners include Marine Clean Project and ASAP scraps
- Kyle is working on displays and planning for upcoming programming including the continuation of digital education offerings
- All tanks are operational and being stocked with LIS animals

General Updates from Members

- MECAC members held a check in conversation confirming all in attendance at the meeting are well and ready to continue work on the committee
- Peter reported Eddie Geidman corresponded that the pandemic has caused hardships that will likely keep him from being able to continue to serve on the committee
 - o Dan Sarnoff confirmed Eddie can send a letter to the BOT requesting to be taken off the committee and that a search to fill that spot can then commence. MECAC committee members agreed it has been a pleasure working with Eddie

Advertising/Marketing/Communications

- Brendan discussed ideas for future projects and discussion ensued on revisiting the MTA platform idea for signage in the future

Speakers/Adult Learning

- In person adult presentations at the beach unlikely for this season due to Covid-19.
- Discussion on alternatives ensued with Anne and MECAC members agreeing a webinar-style presentation could be a great option. Peter getting Anne in touch with a shark researcher at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute as a potential speaker. Anne reaching out to original speakers to see if they are up for this style of presentation too

Education Programs

- Peter and Sarah are setting up a time to setup curriculum links to MECAC programs with Kyle

Other

- Kyle meeting with Helen to discuss Friends of MECAC plans for potential fundraising efforts. Victor is also in touch with Helen