Sustainability and Resiliency Section Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 2pm
Google Meet https://meet.google.com/ttm-jzwh-jxj

Present: Larissa Brookes, Marissa Lieberman, Lauren Antolino, Jessica Osolin, Mary Catherine Sudiak

Meeting called to order at 2:03. Last month’s meeting minutes were approved. Larissa noted that NJLA accepted sustainability as a core value.

Newsletter
• Larissa shared information about the virtual Northeast Summit on Climate Change taking place on November 8th. Registration will open in September. Larissa will put that in the newsblast and possibly the newsletter.

• Shannon did some research into Code Red/Code Blue. Larissa will be writing an article for the Fall NJLA newsletter. Code Blue is a NJ law about bringing anyone who is unhoused to a place of shelter when it’s dangerously cold. Code Red is not a law, but there are currently some bills in the senate to function the same way. This could be for air quality as well.

• Larissa asked if anyone has any ideas about articles or for weekly newsletters. Anyone interested can email Larissa ideas.

Repair Cafes
• Larissa talked about Repair Cafes and the winners of the Fix It Contest. Larissa brought a multi piece tool kit from I-Fix-It, that includes little drills, screwdriver heads, etc. There was a contest to give away 4 of the kits at Larissa’s NJLA panel.

Program and Grant Spreadsheets
• After talking about this at our last meeting, Larissa made two spreadsheets for sustainability programming and performers. https://bit.ly/46M6WHt

• She made another one for potential grant sources. Larissa encouraged everyone to add to the lists. This can then be shared with NJLA https://bit.ly/3DayCZi

• Larissa said we should be getting our page on the NJLA website. She would like to have the spreadsheets linked there, in addition to our by-laws and meeting minutes. Larissa will follow up with the person who maintains their website.

Sustainable Libraries
• Mary mentioned libraries being able to join the Sustainability Libraries Initiative. The
question was asked if we could see which libraries have joined. Lauren mentioned Union Public Library joined. Mary said she believes all libraries in NJ are included in the offering of the discount for the membership, through October. Larissa will include information in the weekly blast, and will follow up with Michele at the State Library to confirm details.

Future Meetings
- We will not be meeting in August. Next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 2pm on Google Meets. We will be using the same Google code.

Meeting adjourned 2:26pm

- Submitted by Marissa Lieberman
  Secretary