

Minutes from Solar Guild/ Citizens for Solar, June 3, 2014

The meeting started at 6:00 pm and ended at 7:15 pm. 12 people attended.

GoodWill Industries: The classes are June 19th and 20th and will run from 9:00am until 4:00pm, with a 1 hour lunch.

The "design team" will teach the class, and members of the Guild and Citizens are encouraged to attend and help out. (personal note: it was very rewarding for this writer to attend on Friday, June 20 in the afternoon, just to be there and offer some help in basics of electrical work and encouragement). All products used for the project will be purchased.

Safety and equipment to be provided by GoodWill. Students were encouraged to wear closed toed shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirts. Insurance coverage is being provided by Goodwill Industries whilst on the property. The Girl Scout solar array will be on-site for demonstration and will power an evaporative cooler during the classes.

GoodWill Industries classes went on 2 field trips. They visited Biosphere II to check out the ground mounted solar array installed by SG, and tour the unique facility with on-site staff. The second field trip was to Schletterer Racking System in South Tucson, (Schletterer donated racking for the GoodWill project). The tour included a sample work station, and installation of racking, observing the "ram" and loader equipment.

Other business: TEP and other sources are still able to donate solar panels, but not in time for this project. They will be available for future projects, possibly including the AZ RISE renewable energy office, and remote sited GoodWill Drop-off trailers. **Biosphere II:** "Nate" is leaving; need to establish relations with new person who takes over his position to keep SG/CFS foot in the door, there is upkeep and maintenance to do on the array site. **Facebook/website:** Patrick Cobb volunteered to update both the web site and Facebook, including recent projects w/ photos. Some of the information is 2-3 years old. This will also include updating the calendar of events, and removing old items. Brian Smith and Jack Langley went to the bank and closed a longstanding account. Paypal account still has an active password. **Project list and future events:** Solar hotwater funding, grant writing, over 20 items were listed. Any ideas members? Bring them up for consideration. Solar potluck at 9,000ft on Mt. Lemmon on June 21 to celebrate the Solstice and breathe! "Cyclovia" will happen again in the Fall. Valley of the Moon is a big project now, with TEP installing a new pole and service, this could be a future potluck site, with the added caveat to be able to sell beer and tee shirts as it is private property.

Respectfully submitted,

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