SSN General Meeting – Thursday, December 11th, 2014 – SERF 232

Announcements:
- Introduction of new attendees
- Introduction of Jen, new executive board member
- Call for new communications officer
- Tidbits will be on each agenda. If you would like to submit a tidbit please email to Kate Balderston.

Presentation “More Holiday Cheer, Less Wasteful Garbage”:
- Home/office
  - Adjust thermostats
  - Unplug things (surge protectors, water coolers)
  - Turn things off (microwave, printers)
  - Close and shut windows and doors
- Holiday Parties
  - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
- Gift Giving
  - Try to reuse bows, ribbons, tags, bags, boxes and wrapping paper
  - Be creative, give an experience rather than an item
- Holiday Lights
  - Always reuse
  - Buy LED lights
- Christmas Trees
  - San Diego Tree Recycling
  - San Diego Adopt a Tree
  - Artificial Tree

Staff Projects:
- Start thinking about ideas for staff projects
  - Arboretum on campus
- Start thinking about logistics
  - How many
  - How much $
  - What timeframe (got a suggestion to plan both short and long-term)
  - Make call in January, present in February

Working Groups:
- Sasha explained the theory behind working groups
- Possible working groups:
  - Green building
  - Transportation
  - Climate protection and clean energy
  - Sustainable operations
  - Waste reduction and recycling (someone suggested a lab specific campaign)
  - Environmentally preferable purchasing
  - Sustainable food service
  - Sustainable water systems
• Create working group tab on website with contact information

Open discussion:
• Interesting tidbit: 100% of the landscaping in Tomorrowland (Disneyland) is edible
• Drought landscaping – the city offers lots of resources
• Members enjoy learning more information and resources
• SDGE will be coming as an event next year