

MPCA 21SEP09 BOARD MEETING NOTES-Monday, September 21st, 2009-East Side Library

Attendees: Bethany, Tennie, Chris, Dzidra, Mike, Paul, John, Katie, Cheryl

- A. Minutes from July meeting (No minutes from August as the board met informally to issue letters for the fund-raising campaign)-let Katie know if there are any corrections for July.
- B. Board Openings-
 - a. President-Bethany will be stepping down at the end of year. Bethany nominated Katie. Other Board members can apply for President. The other members of the Board will vote at the October Board meeting.
 - b. Vice President-If Katie elected as President, the VP position will be open. Board to think of suggestions.
 - c. Newsletter Editor-Amy resigned. This is currently open. Board to think of suggestions.
- C. Board application draft
 - a. In order to formalize the Board position process and allow prospective Board members insight as to when a Board position might open, the two-year term expiration dates will be posted next to the Board member's name on the 'About us' page of the MPCA website. The Board application will also be available there. Katie to email Board Application draft to everyone for review.
- D. Board meeting Jan. 2010-This will be a planning meeting to layout the year. Tentative for January 9th. Check your calendars and confirm in Oct. meeting.
- E. Responsibilities as a Board member-Please reflect on your commitment to the MPCA members. This is a volunteer position and by you accepting the position on the Board that is your promise to the members and the Board members to fulfill the requirements of your position in a timely manner.
- F. Treasury update-Current balance is \$3544.43. This includes picnic income and picnic costs. Bethany and Alex to review the net result of the summer picnic. Bethany offered to write thank you notes to the fundraising contributors. Bethany will send the names of donors to the Board via email to be able to thank them in person at the next function. Chris to put up fund-o-meter on the website. 12 responses and \$645 so far.
- G. PCPP Dinner
 - a. Set at Ethiopian Cottage. John needs to settle for \$15 a person and to clarify if it will be buffet or individual platters. John to email listserve again on the 28th. John started looking for projects. There are many. One from WI already.
- H. Mini-Grants
 - a. John to get a mini-grant announcements out- one in Sept and again in Oct. John will email them to us on 11/9 and the board votes on 11/16.
 - b. Reports from recipients we are waiting on: 3 projects due in Nov. John will send reminder to recipients.
- I. Receiving and issuing funds-Isaac (MPCA member who is also a lawyer) does not recommend receiving money outside of the formal MPCA events, issuing it to recipient, and also issuing a tax exempt receipt to the donor. Circumvents process for selecting projects that is endorsed by MPCA. Could be construed as unfair. Cheryl to investigate possibility of receiving funds for projects not in MPCA regular gifting cycle.

- J. Parent and Family Brunch
 - a. Location still needs to be determined. Radisson is \$14.88 per person. Larry's market quote includes an egg, \$9-10 per person. Beth called Carol Thomas at Quaker House and was waiting for an answer. John will look into St Francis Brewery & Pub for 930AM-1PM. John will call Beth with answer.
- K. Ethnic Potluck
 - a. 12/05 or 12/12/09-Bethany will call Beth to call places and get something booked.
- L. Trinity Fellows at Marquette
 - a. Bethany will forward invite to them for the Partnership Dinner in October.
- M. Website
 - a. Chris will roll out new website. Items to add: Fund-o-meter, September newsletter from Katie, application for board from Katie (after receiving feedback from other Board members), advocacy info from Cheryl, approved minutes, info for upcoming events from Beth, two-year term expiry for current Board members : Bethany-Jan 2011, Cheryl Advocacy Jan 2010, Dzidra Jan 2010, Tenni Jan 2010, Paul Jan 2010 John March 2011, Beth Feb 2011, Peter Jan 2010, Allegra April 2010, Katie July 2011, Alex Jan 2010, Chris July 2011.
- N. Calendars
 - a. Ssales are going strong. Tennie to send email to list serve that they will be at the partnership dinner.
- O. Advertising
 - a. Family and friends brunch and potluck on same card. Chicago will mail out card with both of these events. Bethany to get info from Beth and send info to Chicago.
- P. Historian
 - a. Paul has Jerry Mullins scheduled for October. Paul is now the Safekeeper for the printed national RPCV directory.
- Q. Katie-regular mail minutes to Paul
- R. 50th anniversary will be discussed in Jan 2010.

Minutes submitted by Katie Decker.

Next meeting: Monday, October 19th at the East Side Library at 6:30pm.