

## Minutes of the West Cascade Peace Corps Association

Board Meeting, December 10, 2012, 7:00 pm.

Attendees: Miriam Aiken, Juliet Bender, Keith Beyer, Randall Donohue, Josette Green, Maggie Keenan, Felicia Kenney, Lori Matthew, Dorothy Soper

Guests: Charlie Goldsmith, Anna Steeves-Reece

1. Welcome and Introductions. This meeting is the last for the Board of 2012 and the first for the Board of 2013.
2. Anna Steeves-Reece described the Casa Materna Sustainability Project she is working on in Nicaragua. The goal is to purchase an electric mill, for grinding corn, cacao and other agricultural products, to generate income supporting the maternal guest home.
3. Updates
  - a. Membership: Miriam is working with Felicia to update the membership directory for 2013. Deb Jones has offered to help with this project.
  - b. Annual Report: Dorothy will finalize this document for approval at the January Board meeting; it will then be forwarded to the NPCA.
  - c. NPCA letter to President Obama: over 140 local RPCV groups signed this letter and it has been sent on to the President.
  - d. Treasurer's Report: The report for November 2012 budget was distributed; Dorothy updated portions of it at the meeting ; there were changes due to calendar sales at the last potluck and additional membership fees. The 2012 report will be finalized for the January Board meeting. A draft budget for 2013 was also distributed, to be decided upon at the upcoming meeting.
4. Calendar Sales: There are still calendars to be sold. Calendars were not distributed to local retail outlets; it was suggested that one or two individuals take on this activity next year, as it is an important income generator.
5. Funding of the Casa Materna Sustainability Project: After group discussion, the motion was forwarded and approved to provide \$300 for this project. Dorothy will add this to the final reports for 2012.
6. Speakers at South Eugene High School: A request was made by Julia Harvey for returned volunteers to speak at SEHS, regarding Peace Corps, on January 15. Maggie volunteered to make a presentation. Dorothy agreed to try to identify the remaining seven speakers Julia requested.
7. Returned Volunteers' Health Care: Felicia spoke about her advocacy regarding health care benefits and recognition for RPCVs who have been injured or suffer ill effects due to Peace Corps service. She is currently working with the NPCA and Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet ; results of a health survey sent to RPCVs are being compiled.

8. Outgoing Board: Dorothy thanked the outgoing Board of 2012 for their service, and the Board was thanked by one and all for a great year.

#### Board of 2013

1. Welcome: President Miriam thanked the outgoing Board, and welcomed the incoming Board members.

2. Potlucks and Other Events: Potluck dates have been set for February 8, April 12, October 11, and December 6, 2013. The date for the Nom Party (reception for newly nominated PCVs and their family/friends) is yet to be determined, probably in May. A handout was provided at the last potluck regarding meetings and titles for the Book Club, and dates to volunteer at Food for Lane County. More detailed information regarding the number of participants required and type of work at Food for LC will be clarified. Juliet and Patty will be working on these events.

#### 2013 Calendar:

- January 7: Book Group at the home of Dorothy Soper, 7:00 pm. *The Measure of a Dream* by Lora Begin will be discussed.
- January 14: WCPCA board meeting, 7-9 pm
- January 28: Food for Lane County, food packaging, 6-9 pm, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene. For further information contact Patty MacAfee.
- February 8: WCPCA Potluck at (to be determined), 6-9 pm.

3. Upcoming Year: Directions for WCPCA in 2013 were discussed, including a greater, more visible presence in our local community, matching skills and talents that may be needed. More exposure on media such as Facebook was also discussed. The need for a tech support person is becoming apparent.

4. Posting of Minutes: Availability and posting of the Board meeting minutes was discussed. Minutes should be available to all current members of the WCPCA, and how to achieve this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2013; time and location to be announced. Topics for follow-up include the budget for 2013, the posting of minutes, and the direction and goals for WCPCA in 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Matthew, Secretary