

**Minutes for the
WCPCA board meeting, 1/14/13**

Attending: Miriam Aiken, Juliet Bender, James Cloutier, Charles Goldsmith,
Dale Morse, Dorothy Soper

Miriam called the meeting to order at approximately 7pm.

1. Juliet gave the board an update on her and Patty MacAfee's work to plan this year's potlucks and the NOM party. The current schedule is the following:
February 8th potluck at the home of John Hannah and Mary Brooner. Kate Coy will talk about her PC service in Togo, 2007-08.

April 12 th potluck at the home of Howard and Marvey Schuman. Elke Richers will talk about her PC service in Peru, 2010-12.

May NOM party/potluck to celebrate those newly nominated for PC training programs to be planned with Hannah Klausman, U of O Peace Corps recruiter. Patty and Juliet are thinking of tentative date in mid-May.

October 11 potluck at the home of Charlie Goldsmith and Juliet Bender.

December 6th potluck at the home of Joyce Leader. Program will be the showing of slides submitted by WCPCA members to illustrate their programs from all time periods. Maggie Keenan will organize the slide presentation.

James suggested that the board encourage WCPCA members to invite to the potlucks citizens from their host countries. The board felt that this is a good idea.

Juliet reported that she and Patty have inquired about various venues for the NOM party. Juliet has learned that the Veterans' Hall in Willamette St. charges \$300 for its downstairs meeting room; potlucks are permitted there. She also inquired about the Garden Club on High Street; charge would be \$60 and potlucks are permitted.

2. Miriam reported that the book group's next meeting will be on March 4th and the group will discuss River Town by Peter Hessler.

3. Miriam reported that she and Felicia have completed the 2013 membership directory and that it lists 136 WCPCA members. Felicia will send it to the membership in the near future.

4. The board accepted the final financial report for 2012 that Dale submitted and the annual report of WCPCA activities that Dorothy submitted. Both documents will be

posted on the website and submitted to NPCA when WCPCA applies to renew its affiliation.

5. The board approved the 2013 budget that Dale had drafted and circulated to board members.

6. Miriam reported about her inquiries to identify an advisor to assess the IT situation of WCPCA. The organization needs guidance and assistance to make a transition of responsibility for all of its IT requirements from Felicia Kenney, the current Communications Coordinator, to one or more other people, including WCPCA members. Felicia has requested this transfer. WCPCA might have to hire someone to take care of some of the responsibilities.

Miriam would like to discuss the task with Joe Millon of the firm, Netcorps which specializes in consulting with 501 (c) (3) organizations. The cost quoted to her was \$75per hour.

The board approved her approach and voted to allocate \$500 in the 2013 budget to cover the costs of the initial consultation and possibly some first steps.

7. Dorothy reported that we still have 75 calendars to sell. The board decided to keep the price of an individual at \$8 and lower the price for purchases of five or more calendars to \$5. These prices will be posted on the website and also circulated to the emailing list via an email soon. They will also appear in the February newsletter.

Calendars will be for sale, too, at the February potluck.

The board anticipates that the calendars will sell through mid-February. Calendars left after that date will be donated to one or more individuals or organizations that will be able to use them. The board agreed to give 20 calendars to Julia Harvey on 1/15 to support the program that she has organized at SEHS to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Julia has organized three panels of RPCVs for this event.

8. The board endorsed WCPCA's participation as a clean up crew in the Food for Lane County's annual fundraiser, Chefs' Night Out, which will be on April 9th. Miriam will ask Vince Ceccacci to organize a group. James offered to help Vince or take on the task if Vince is unable to do so. Either Vince or James will need to write an article to be included in the February and March newsletters to ask for volunteers for this activity.

9. The board agreed that its next meeting will be on Monday, April 15th, 7pm. The meeting place will be determined later.

10. The board discussed WCPCA's participation in the Eugene Celebration which is

anticipated to be in late August. We recognized the need to begin soon to recruit people willing to spearhead this effort including possibly replacing the cardboard taxi which was used in the parade for many years and has now been retired.

We agreed that there should be one or more articles about this in coming newsletters. Miriam will ask Lori if she would like to work on this. Dorothy will write an article to ask for volunteers who would like to work on WCPCA's participation in the Eugene Celebration.

11. The board had a long and careful discussion of the WCPCA newsletter's editorial policy and concluded with a decision to revise the current policy following the example of the RPCV group in Washington DC. Miriam will draft the revision which will be included in the February newsletter.

Substantive changes are that the newsletter's contents will be limited to the activities and coming events of the organization and pieces that the board solicits. Unsolicited essays will be not accepted. The board will consider requests by members to publish links to members' written works.

Regarding the essay recently submitted by WCPCA member, John Hofer, the board agreed to publish it in the February newsletter with the following provisions: the author's willingness to omit references to Israel; the author's submission of the revised essay to Miriam in the format, plain text, by January 25th.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Soper, 1/15/13