

Minutes of the April 15, 2013 WCPCA  
board meeting at the home of Dale Morse

Board members attending: Juliet Bender, James Cloutier, Dale Morse, Dorothy Soper

Guests attending: Andrew Dempsey-Karp, Charles Goldsmith, Mary Meacham, Rosa Sakanishi, Howard Schuman, Wayne Thompson, Bob Watada

Dale Morse was the presiding officer at the meeting. He explained to the group that Miriam Aiken had resigned as president and the offices of vice president and secretary were vacant. Dale asked Dorothy to take minutes at the meeting. Major business items discussed and board decisions are listed below.

1. Dale invited guests to help the board discuss how best to identify new board members and fill the vacant offices. At the meeting or immediately afterwards Howard and Bob offered to join the board. Dale and others will contact several people whom the group thought might be willing to join the board.

2. Dorothy reported that IT responsibilities for the organization are now being handled by Miriam, Deb Jones, and herself. Miriam is working with Joe Millon of Netcorps on the membership database. Deb handles deletions or additions to the website, and monitors incoming emails and forwards them as appropriate. Dorothy oversees the PayPal account. Deb and Dorothy assemble the newsletter, put it into HTML, and distribute it to the emailing list.

Felicia, as Communications Coordinator, answers questions as they arise. There is no single individual or committee responsible for IT.

3. Dale handed out paper copies of a draft survey that the subcommittee of Miriam Aiken, Randall Donohue, and John Hannah has prepared to send to the WCPCA emailing list of approximately 300 individuals. Those on the list are organization members (about 140) and others who have indicated an interest in receiving the WCPCA newsletter. The final survey would be distributed via email in the form of a Survey Monkey. The first draft survey has already been circulated to the board members and a few others for trial.

The copy that the board and guests received at the meeting is the second draft of the survey. The board agreed to review the second draft and discuss it at the next board meeting. At that time the board will let the committee know of the results of its review and discussion.

4. Andrew described his plans to organize a WCPCA presence in the Peace and Justice booth which will be in the Community Village at the Oregon Country Fair next

summer. Andrew has organized this participation for the last two years. The board was enthusiastic about his plans and had already budgeted \$75 for the activity. There was a consensus that Andrew could ask for additional funds if necessary. He'll ask for WCPCA volunteers to staff this WCPCA activity.

5. Dale reported that the sale of the 2013 international calendars yielded about \$150 in profit, less than anticipated. We ordered 200 calendars and sold 150 calendars at varying prices. The unsold 50 calendars were donated to WCPCA member and science teacher at SEHS, Julia Harvey, and the head teacher of the International High School in the Eugene public schools. Both plan to distribute the calendars to students as well as to use them in the classroom.

The board agreed to order 100 international calendars for 2014, anticipating that the membership will buy this number at a price that will bring more profit to the organization. Dorothy volunteered to order the calendars from the Madison, WI RPCV group.

6. The board voted to recommend to the membership an amendment to the bylaws of the WCPCA constitution to delete the second part of the sentence that comprises Article V, Section 4. The current sentence with the second part stricken out reads as follows: "The Board of Directors meets as the need arises ~~but shall meet at least once a month.~~—With this change the bylaws will be consistent with Article VII of the constitution.

Following the procedure described in Article X of the constitution, the board will publish this recommendation in the newsletter and ask the membership to vote on it at a potluck in the fall.

7. The board agreed to participate in the Eugene Celebration, August 24-25, with an entry in the parade and with a booth. James agreed to organize participation in the parade and Dorothy will organize the booth. She'll submit the applications for both of these activities.

8. Juliet reported that plans are in the final stage for the NOM party which will celebrate the those newly invited to Peace Corps training. This activity is being organized with the U of O Peace Corps recruiter. Fifteen to twenty trainees and family members are expected.

The board voted to donate \$100 to the Many Nations Longhouse organization for use in its Native American programs since no rental fee is charged for use of the facility.

The NOM party will be held in the Many Nations Longhouse on the U of O campus, 6-9 pm, on Friday, May 3rd. Juliet described the details which were included in an article in the April newsletter. The event is listed on the WCPCA website's calendar.

9. The board voted to purchase a paver to be placed at the entry to the Nobel

Peace Park which is being constructed within Alton Baker Park in Eugene. The purchase price is \$100 for a 4" x 8" paver which will have the organization's name inscribed on it. The park will honor American recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize.

The board felt that the WCPCA should be seen in the community as an advocate for peace. Further information about the Peace Park is on the website, <http://www.nobelpeacelaureates.org>.

Mary Meacham volunteered to ask Jack Meacham to take care of the purchase and to order the inscription of the organization's name. The board accepted this offer.

10. Dale handed out paper copies of the organization's current financial status. Under the listing of "fixed expenses" he has added the online filing of the IRS form 990-R even though at this time the organization is not required to pay taxes. This listing helps board members identify the various reports that the organization is required to make to both the state of Oregon and the IRS. The current balance in the organization's OCCU accounts is \$6,588.24, There was no discussion of the report.

11. James reported that at Food for Lane County's fundraiser, Chefs' Night Out, on April 9th approximately 15 people took part on the clean up crew in the organization's name. He recruited participants beyond the membership. The FLC volunteer coordinator was very grateful for the help and the participants enjoyed the occasion. The crew was able to leave about 10:30 pm. There will be an article in the May newsletter to thank the participants.

12. The board thanked Miriam officially for her contributions as president, especially her work on the transfer of IT responsibilities.

13. Dale scheduled the next board meeting for Sunday, May 5th, 7pm. The site will be announced later. He would like to be able to appoint new members to the board at this meeting. A review of the draft of the survey that was distributed at this board meeting will also be on the agenda.

A draft minutes was emailed to the board on 4/16/13. Two revisions were made. The above is the final copy of the minutes.

Dorothy Soper  
4/21/13