

## Minutes of the June 16, 2014 WCPCA Board meeting at the home of Dorothy Soper, convened at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Bart Briefstein, Treasurer; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Dorothy Soper; James Cloutier; Denise Silfee; Juliet Bender

- 1) Discussion about the 5/30/14 “nom” party at the UO Longhouse. There were 11 nominees, many w/family members, and it’s viewed as a success, especially the panel of RPCV speakers who spoke about their experiences and answered questions.
- 2) Membership report by membership coordinator Jennifer Knowles was reviewed. (She was ill and not in attendance). About 130 members. Dorothy agreed to contact those who have lapsed to see they wish to renew. Jenn has a 6/25/14 appt. with IT consulting firm NetCorps to update the membership data base. She estimates this will cost \$75.
- 3) Treasurer’s report by Bart . . . we have four accounts, including the Beryl Brinkman Memorial Fund through Oregon Community Foundation, and three accounts at Oregon Community Credit Union. Discussion about whether to balance accounts as we go along through the course of the fiscal year, or once at the end of the year. Consensus to balance as we go along. Some minor adjustments were made in a few line items. Bart has a couple of ideas about how accounts are organized, including which fund should be restricted to specific purposes ; board agrees. Budget will be posted on WCPCA website.
- 4) Upcoming activities include a summer picnic 7/27/14 at home of Rolly and Wayne Thompson, a family event; a pool party picnic 8/16/14 at home of Bob and Rosa Watada, a family event; an October 24 potluck at Dorothy Soper’s (which will include a piano performance); and a potluck December 5<sup>th</sup>. (Details in upcoming newsletters).
- 5) Discussion about Site5, the web-hosting company that will register our domain name (\$12 annually), and back up site data and host our website (\$4.95 a month). Charging will happen automatically, billed to our debit card. (A written summary of our agreement with Site5, provided by Dorothy, will be attached to the minutes for the record) . . . Denise also reported that our Facebook page is up and we have 19 “Likes”. All are encouraged to “like” our page, and to contact Denise if you have relevant info to post on our wall. The board also approves, by consensus, that it’s OK to send an email to our list informing them about the FB page.
- 6) The Eugene Celebration is cancelled, but current planning calls for the parade to occur. We can participate in that. Several board members indicate a desire to do so.

- 7) There is discussion about two projects organized by Oregon PCVs who are seeking financial support. These include a “bio-intensive family garden” project in Paraguay that involves a collective of women and having workshops and buying tools; and a So. African water project that involves refurbishing toilets and training students to maintain them. Another stage of the project involves improving access to water. Gary moves and Bart seconds the motion to donate \$500 to each of these projects via the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP).
- 8) Dorothy presents suggestions about possible changes to the WCPCA Constitution and by-laws that she describes as updates that will make them conform to recent evolving practices. She reviews each one and there is consensus they are appropriate. PLAN: the proposed changes will be shown in the July newsletter for review by WCPCA members; people with questions will be encouraged to attend a board meeting to discuss, and, at an upcoming general meeting, members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed changes. The proposed changes include those about standing committees, the dues structure, and required meetings.
- 9) Juliet and Bart describe recent interactions with people thinking about Peace Corps service, and believe it would be appropriate for us to provide such mentors in the future if nominees or potential PC Vs seek advice. Several board members expressed a willingness to serve in such a role.
- 10) Volunteers are needed to staff our booth at the upcoming Oregon Country Fair in Veneta, second weekend in July. Details in next newsletter.
- 11) Meeting adjourned about 8:15. Next meeting: Sunday, September 14, 2014, 6 p.m. at Dorothy’s home.

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, board secretary, June 18, 2014