

## Minutes of the November 23, 2014 WCPA Board meeting at the home of Dorothy Soper, convened at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Dorothy Soper; James Cloutier; Denise Silfee; Juliet Bender; Jennifer Knowles; Laurette Garner, UO PC recruiter/ex-officio member; Wayne Thompson, guest

- 1) Wayne Thompson, WCPA member who agreed to be a one-person nominating committee for 2015 board candidates, gave his report and results of his efforts. No one has yet agreed to be appointed treasurer, though he's waiting to hear back from someone who is considering it. Wayne nominates himself to assume the position being vacated by Howard Schulman; no one has yet agreed to assume the board/membership coordinator position being vacated by Jennifer; Denise agrees to take over many of the duties that have been performed by Dorothy, who is leaving the board.

**Dorothy moves and Jennifer seconds to accept the slate of candidates** that that will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting/potluck on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. **Motion passes unanimously.** Counting returning and new members, the slate includes Gary Cornelius (who will continue as secretary), James Cloutier, Denise Silfee, Wayne Thompson, Julia Harvey (who will continue to be president), Laurette Garner and Juliet Bender, who gives up being program coordinator, but will continue as vice president . . . . **(ADDENDUM:** Since this action, Patty McAfee has agreed to stand for board treasurer **and in an electronic vote with Gary moving and Dorothy seconding, it was approved by a majority for her to be added to the slate** of candidates).

- 2) Treasurer's report: Bart wasn't present, but submitted the report via email. There is \$2,759.82 in the savings account and \$964.31 in the checking account, and about \$31,000 in the restricted account, the interest of which supports donations to projects of Oregon volunteers, via PCPP. This amount is managed by Oregon Community Foundation, which sends us disbursements twice yearly for supporting projects. Dorothy notes that \$469 needs to be transferred from the restricted account to checking to reimburse it for project donations this year, in accordance with board action at an earlier meeting. Bart is expected to issue an end-of-year financial report in early January.

**James moves and Jennifer seconds that all financial info – except about the restricted account, which needs updating -- be posted on the website. Approved unanimously.** There is consensus that developing our 2015 budget will wait until we have a new treasurer on board.

ADDENDUM: Bart submitted this email to the board 11/30/14:

“I have just transferred \$469.00 from the restricted account to the checking account per the board's decision. It would have been helpful if I had received minutes from the meeting especially since there were action items for me as well as "concerns". Considering the concerns that the board seems to have every time I write a report indicating that the current business model will not sustain itself or that we cannot continue to do some of the things we do, with diminished membership revenue, I am submitting my resignation, effective immediately. Please let me know to whom I can give the files that I have. Bart”

- 3) Membership report: Jennifer reports membership numbers: We currently have 90 paying members and a few others, such as current PCVs, who are members but are excused from paying dues while they serve. A list of those who haven't paid is passed around and board members are encouraged to contact any they know to encourage them to get caught up. The newly-redesigned membership application form is discussed and Gary notes that he agreed to contact anyone who checks the box indicating they are interested in more info about volunteering or other WCPCA activities. The membership coordinator will need to forward the contact info to him.
- 4) The WCPCA 2014 Annual Report, completed by Dorothy, is discussed and **Gary moves and James seconds to accept it and have it posted at the website, after Dorothy adds references to the recent “Posh Corps” movie screening event, and about donations.**
- 5) There is discussion about the need to assign the duties Dorothy has been doing, now that she is leaving the board, especially regarding doing the newsletter and interacting with Deb Jones, our volunteer IT person. Other issues include managing the PayPal account and sending periodic emails/announcements to our 300-person mailing list. **Dorothy moves and James seconds that Denise take over newsletter production (she agrees to this) and that we invite Deb to the January board meeting to discuss how best to address remaining IT issues. Passes unanimously.**
- 6) Gary and Dorothy report that the “Posh Corps” movie screening event at UO was a success, with about 30 people attending. It was well received. Expenses of \$126 were covered and we cleared a bit more than \$100. We also sold a few calendars.
- 7) Juliet reported on recent activities, including the successful Oct. 5 potluck that included an outstanding mini piano concert by a young woman, Priscilla, from Brazil who is studying music at UO. The next potluck on Dec. 5th, which will include a brief business meeting, will be at the home of Tom and Nancy English. It will include a holiday “white elephant” gift exchange, with the theme being bring something that helped you survive your PC service.
- 8) Julia reported that she is organizing another “Day of Respect” at So. Eugene High School that will include several RPCVs speaking to students about their experiences.

- 9) Dorothy initiates discussion about a possible PCP project to support that was discussed at earlier meetings but not given a donation because we were low on funds for such projects. This project by an Oregon volunteer would purchase an ultrasound machine, and associated training, for a remote area in Nicaragua, and would greatly improve care for pregnant women. In light of our recent profit from hosting a screening from the "Posh Corps" documentary, **Dorothy moves and James seconds that we donate \$100 to this project. Passes unanimously.**
- 10) "Loose ends" -- We have several of our JFK t-shirts in size XXL that remain unsold. After discussion there is consensus they will be given to Laurette for giving away during Peace Corp Week in March . . . . Dorothy has banners and other WCPCA items stored in her attic. She says they can remain there for the time being. Electronic files she also has stored can be transferred to the WCPCA laptop, currently in Jennifer's possession . . . . It's noted that next year's Peace Corps Connect conference is in Berkeley, CA in early June.
- 11) Next meeting: Sunday, January 11, 2015, 6 p.m. at New Day Bakery, 449 Blain Blvd. (FYI, the bakery closes at 8 p.m. on Sundays). Meeting adjourned about 7:45 p.m.

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, Board Secretary, distributed 12/1/14