

WCPCA Board meeting, 3/13/16, @ New Day Bakery, called to order at 6:10 p.m.
by President Julia Harvey

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Juliet Bender, Vice President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Dale Morse, Treasurer; Nicky Ulrich, Membership Coordinator (and UO PC recruiter); James Cloutier; Laurette Garner, newsletter editor; Patty Mac Afee

ABSENT: Wayne Thompson **GUEST:** Charles Goldsmith, WCPCA member

- 1) James notes that **Chefs Night Out**, one of Food for Lane County's biggest fundraising events, is April 5th. He needs to recruit several volunteers to help; contact James to volunteer, and he will recruit at the March 20 potluck.
- 2) **Regional meeting in Portland** of all the RPCV chapters in the Pacific NW is Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. at Portland Comm College Cascade Campus. Gary, Wayne and Juliet will represent us. Glenn Blumhorst (Guatemala 1988-91), President and CEO of National PC Assn., will speak at the meeting and on the 20th will be in Eugene for our potluck at Charlie and Juliet's. He will talk about current changes and other relevant topics, and will be introduced by Pat Wand, longtime WCPCA member who now lives in the D.C. area. Those of us attending from WCPCA will report on our activities.
- 3) **Next pub night** will be 4/15/16, location to be determined.
- 4) **Summer campout** planned for **August** at a campground in the Clear Lake area. Patty will check it out personally before finalizing plans and accepting reservations starting in June. She will also announce at the potluck and write an article for the newsletter.
- 5) Discussion about the **fall fundraiser, another curry dinner** served at Central Presbyterian Church, which is available for the Oct. 15 event. Patty will call the first planning meeting in June. Jeem Peterson is reported to have agreed to be the lead cook again. Patty will be traveling right up to the day of the event and notes that church member Laurie Inglis will be the contact in Patty's absence if there are questions/issues.

- 6) Patty introduces the idea of buying **long-sleeved tie-dyed shirts** as a fundraiser. They cost \$13-14, more with a special design or logo. James, our artist in residence, will explore the costs and logistics and report back.
- 7) **Treasurer's report** – Dale reports he completed the 990 form the IRS requires annually of non-profits. Also working on the annual report required by NPCA for which Gary will write the narrative and Dale will do the figures. Dale also presents a proposed budget for 2016 and several items are reviewed, including his proposed \$2500 for PCPP projects. Julia will email the draft to the board and any further feedback should go to Dale and we will expect to formally adopt a budget for 2016 at next meeting. . . . Budget by the numbers: balance in checking -- \$2262; in savings – \$1996; in restricted account --\$2669. He also says we need to improve the way we deposit funds in our various accounts, in keeping with standard accounting practices. . . . He also suggests we ask other chapters at the upcoming regional meeting for advice about how they collect funds via the membership dues process.
- 8) Discussion about the **event formerly known as the “nom party.”** We will hold the event 5/5/16 at Gerlinger Hall on campus, 6-7:30 p.m., but it will recognize several groups: people accepted for service but not assigned, those in the application process, those assigned but who have not left, people interested in applying, etc. (Changes in the PC application process make the nominee concept unworkable). There is consensus that we can spend up to \$300 on the event, and Nicky explains she plans panels of RPCVs from various continents to share info about serving there. In a related matter she announced the UO Spring Street Faire is May 4-6, and RPCVs are needed to help staff the PC booth.
- 9) Nicky talks **about a new UO initiative**, part of the international studies program -- she calls it “Peace Corps prep” -- that will target students interested in international service. She says UO staff are interested in meeting RPCVs and she has scheduled a “meet and greet” to facilitate such – 4/6/16, 5:30 p.m. in the Lokey Building on campus. She invites RPCVs to participate.

- 10) **Nicki will be gone to Cambodia** from June to mid-Sept and seeks someone to cover membership coordinator duties in her absence. She will write an announcement for the newsletter. She summarizes the duties and Dale expresses a willingness to consider covering if no one else steps up.
- 11) Announcement that there's a **new fair trade store** downtown, Mosaic, near Voodoo donuts at Broadway and Willamette, that is interested in doing a fundraiser for us. Nicky will follow up.
- 12) Gary says it's time to start **planning for the annual calendar (2017)** fundraising project, and agrees to take the lead. There is consensus that we will order the same number as last year, 100, and calendars will be ordered in early summer and arrive after a few weeks. . . \$12 each, or 5 for \$50.
- 13) Patty discusses a **donation request** from Gracie Whitmore, a PCV from Eugene who is in the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, and seeks support for a Let Girls Learn project. Patty will get more info and email a specific request if it seems appropriate and an email vote can be held.
- 14) **Next meeting: Sunday, April 24, 2016** at New Day Bakery, 6 p.m. Gary will be traveling and Juliet agrees to take minutes.

ADDENDUM: In an email vote conducted the weekend of 3/19/16, the board voted 6-0 to donate \$700 to the PCPP project of PCV Grace Whitmore, who grew up in Eugene. This Let Girls Learn project is a camp for girls aged 9-14, representing each of Vanuatu's 6 provinces, and will train them in information communication technology and leadership skills. Gary moved, Juliet seconded and Patty, Dale, Denise, and James voted yes and all agreed to the higher amount (\$700) over the originally proposed amount -- (\$500).

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, Secretary, distributed 3/19/16.