

WCPCA Board meeting minutes, 6.12.16, at New Day Bakery

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Juliet Bender, Vice President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Dale Morse, Treasurer; James Cloutier; Wayne Thompson; Patty Mac Afee; Charlie Goldsmith, guest. **ABSENT:** Laurette Garner, Newsletter Editor; Nicky Ulrich, PC UO Recruiter and Membership Chair; Denise Silfee (traveling/working in Africa, should be back for next meeting). Meeting called to order by Julia at 6:06 p.m.

- 1) Julia noted that Nicky is now travelling and studying in Cambodia for about three months and is excused from board participation. Nicky recruited another WCPCA member, Emily Fiocco, to take over membership duties while she is gone. She has trained her. Emily was not able to attend tonight but is expected to attend next meeting. Since membership chair is a board position, **Wayne moved and Juliet seconded to appoint Emily to the board, effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2) **Summer activities** – Wayne led discussion about several summer and other activities, planned or in the planning stages, including: a family-oriented event playing garden golf at Camp Putt in Glenwood, followed by pizza at Roaring Rapids Pizza. Wayne will work out the details of getting this to happen on Sunday, July 17th, 4 p.m., including costs. . . . Our annual summer swim party/potluck at the Jasper home of Bob and Rosa Watada will be in August, date TBD, presuming Bob and Rosa are able to accommodate us Also in August, 12-14, will be the annual campout at Lost Prairie Campground in the upper Santiam River area Wayne will organize a winery event – last year’s was quite successful – probably in September. . . . Patty will host and Gary will organize a Sept. 27 event to meet an RPCV from Albuquerque, Devon Hoffman, who served in Philippines. He has written a book he describes as "a series of fiction and nonfiction short stories that loosely describe a three-year journey before, during, and after 27 months' Peace Corps service." He will be on a self-guided nationwide book tour focusing on meeting with RPCV groups. . . . There is discussion about doing the late July Lane County Fair event we did last year, which was very successful, but the two RPCVs most responsible are not available this year. Perhaps next year?. . . Juliet proposes we organize a “story slam,” similar to what other groups have done, that would

give RPCVs a chance to tell 5-8 minute stories of their service. This could be a December event. Gary w/contact Tsunami Books as a possible location, since they are known for hosting poetry slams, and Gary knows the owner. . . . Patty offers to speak at an upcoming event on her trip to Cuba. . . Those taking the lead on various events will write stories for the July newsletter.

- 3) **Treasurer report** – “Finances are in good order,” Dale reported. The send-off event in May at UO’s Gerlinger Hall cost more than anticipated because we had to pay for its use. Account balances: savings -- \$1995.43; checking -- \$1925.38; restricted funds -- \$6091.80. . . . Two PCPP projects of Oregon volunteers are discussed and there is a unanimous vote to donate \$600 to a Let Girls Learn project in Cambodia that involves building a bathroom and promoting good hygiene; and \$500 to a project in Malawi to build and equip an educational laboratory.
- 4) **Peace Corps budget and other NPCA matters** – Juliet offers to write a letter on behalf of WCPCA, as requested by NCPA, to Oregon Congressmen, asking for their support of PC’s request of a 2017 budget of \$450 million, a significant increase that would enable the agency to make a big dent toward adding programs/volunteers worldwide. She will also invite Sen. Jeff Merkley to our Oct. 15 curry dinner fund raiser. . . . Juliet notes that the NPCA features activities and accomplishments of RPCV groups at its website and asks if we would be interested in being featured. There is consensus this is an idea worth pursuing.
- 5) **Tee shirts and art** – James reports that he is working on designs for the tied-dyed tee shirts we agreed to buy to promote PC and raise money; and he agrees to do the caricatures he is so known for at the curry dinner and donate the proceeds to the cause.
- 6) **Next meetings** – We will have a brief 3 p.m. check-in meeting prior to the putt-putt event on July 17 to address any pressing issues; and a regular meeting will be scheduled then.
- 7) Meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, Board Secretary; distributed 6/16/16