

WCPCA Board meeting minutes, 7/17/16, at Camp Putt in Glenwood, 3 p.m. (this was a brief meeting held in conjunction w/a WCPCA-sponsored social activity)

**PRESENT:** Julia Harvey, President; Juliet Bender, Vice President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Wayne Thompson; Patty MacAfee; Charlie Goldsmith, guest. . . **Absent:** Laurette Garner, Newsletter Editor; Nicky Ulrich, Membership Chair; James Cloutier; Denise Silfee; Emily Fiocco (temporary membership chair while Nicky is in Cambodia). Dale Morse, Treasurer, was not present, but emailed a treasurer's report a few days later.

- 1) Patty reported only 2 people have signed up for the August camping trip. (A few days later she cancelled the group campsite reservation since no one else signed up).
- 2) Juliet reported she sent a thank you letter to Sen. Jeff Merkley for his past support of Peace Corps and asking for his support for the current proposed PC budget. She also invited him to speak at our 10/15 dinner event, but he has not yet responded.
- 3) Organizing and preparing for the dinner continues, Patty reported, noting that our chief cook, Jeem Peterson, was injured in a bike crash recently. We wish him well and hope he is sufficiently recovered by event time to head up the cooking again. Next planning meeting is 7/29, 3 p.m. at the Bier Stein.
- 4) Gary reported that 2017 Peace Corps calendars have arrived and several were sold at today's activity.
- 5) Juliet reported that planning continues for a "story slam" in December for RPCVs to share stories about their service. Gary contacted Tsunami Books as a possible venue and reported they are receptive to hosting. We need to ID a date or two to get back to Tsunami with to tie it down.
- 6) Wayne again brought up the idea of having a huge fundraising event that would call for people to pay up to \$75 to support us, including having people or businesses buy an entire table if the event were held in a large restaurant or other appropriate venue, such as LCC's large event room, with food prepared by its catering program. We would also try to get a well-known speaker, such as Congressman Sam Farr, an RPCV and long-time PC supporter. Wayne notes that past such events have brought in a great deal of money to help us support our projects, though it has been several years. It's suggested such an event would best be held in spring or fall, not summer. Agreed to discuss further at next meeting.
- 7) Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 23, 12 noon**, New Day Bakery.

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, secretary; distributed 7/29/16.