

WCPCA Board meeting, 9/25/16 at New Day Bakery

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Juliet Bender, Vice President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Patty Mac Afee; James Cloutier. (Since there were not enough board members to constitute a quorum, no votes were conducted).

Called to order at 6:06 p.m.

- 1) Report by Patty on planning for curry dinner fundraiser: No donation of chicken from Costco this year since their policy is only one donation per organization every 4 years. . . Member Josette Green will invite a local TV station. . . a friend has constructed 5 wooden flag holders to use at WCPCA events, to be used first at this dinner. Gary will transport them in his truck after the dinner. . . posters designed by James were distributed for posting. . . . Julia agrees to make a sign and bring a saw horse to the event for use in reserving a parking place for our speaker, Rep. Peter DeFazio. . . ticket sales are proceeding. . . Gary will make smaller copies of the program for placing on the tables. . . one of two program agendas developed by Gary is selected by the group. . . there is discussion about which PCPP project to help fund w/proceeds of the event. We had been looking at a water project in Lesotho, but that project has disappeared from the PCPP website. Instead we are looking at a water project in Vanuatu, an island nation in the South Pacific that is being affected by climate change. Oregon volunteer A. Staniak describes her project this way:

“Climate change has begun to create longer dry seasons in the South Pacific. It is important that communities have a dependable source of water that can last through a drought and provide easier access to water for community members. Along with the help of local government organization, Rural Water Supply, and local Peace Corps Volunteers, the local leaders have created a new water system plan.

“The plan includes thirteen taps dispersed throughout the village (one tap for every 25 villagers), a tap for the local Aid Post, buried pipes, a break pressure tank to regulate pressure in the system,

reserve tanks, and a spring box to protect the source from debris and contamination. The plan takes into account a constant 2.2% growth rate for the next 20 years, accommodating water supply for a growing village.”

The amount needed is about \$9,000, of which about \$4,000 has been raised, leaving about \$5,000. Julia will send board members a link to read and we will conduct an email vote to approve. . . the planning committee will meet again 10/5/16, 3 p.m. at the Bier Stein for final planning.

- 2) Upcoming events: **winery social event 10/2/16, 2-4 p.m.** at Sweet Cheeks Winery on Briggs Hill Road. Julia will send an all-membership email reminder. About 10 people have RSVP'd, not counting several board members who are expected; **Story Slam 12/4/16, 3-5 p.m. at Tsunami Books.** Planning continues. Gary will bring 2 bottles of wine and it's agreed we will supply some snacks.
- 3) Calendar sales report: Gary reports 42 sold so far, with 58 remaining. They will be available at upcoming events.
- 4) Discussion that we need to schedule a brief board meeting at an upcoming event – probably the story slam in December – to put forth a slate of candidates for board and officer positions for 2017. Thus far all officers and most members are believed willing to serve again, but Charlie Goldsmith will serve as a one-person committee to tie down the details.
- 5) Josette Green has indicated she no longer wants to coordinate the book group activities. Juliet Bender agrees to take this over in 2017. Agreed we should seek to expand the group with new members from the ranks of new RPCVs. Diantha and Amanda are mentioned as possibilities.
- 6) **Next meeting: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, 6 p.m.** at New Day Bakery
- 7) Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Notes by Gary Cornelius, Secretary; distributed 9/26/16