

## GCCRPCV – Board Meeting Notes April 17, 2011

**Location:** 10601 Briar Forest Drive, Houston, TX

**Attendees:** Ken Fraley, Nancy Gibson, Ryan Gorczycki, Mike Hardin, Lisa Reynolds, David Scheinmann, Stephanie Wilson

Board Member Reports:

**President / Vice President:** Mike Hardin

- A. As Joe has resigned from the board, Mike will be filling in. He may be moving to Dallas and will let us know by the end of April.
- B. The motion was made and carried to drop the advertising for any future editions of the Citizens Environmental Coalition directory.
- C. National Peace Corps has cut travel budget for recruiting. Mike asked if others could go to Lamar University on April 25. He is to send out times and details. Both Lisa and Nancy expressed an interest.

**Fundraising – David**

- A. Online store – Nancy and David
  - 1. Ryan and David will check the online store and mail the requests;
  - 2. B. T-shirts – there will be no more 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts orders; Mike is going to get with Meagan Fox to see if she would help with a new design; The Group logo needs to be changed to ‘Gulf Coast Counsel of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers’ , we will order new t-shirts.
- B. Calendars – we will check the possibility of creating our own Gulf Coast 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary addition. Nancy will get prices for printing. Stephanie and Nancy volunteered to work on the project over the summer.
- C. Checking Paypal – Ryan and Mike are now authorized signatures for the checking account and bank fees have been reduced as they have us listed as a charitable organization and a refund has been obtained for when the bank moved us to a business account. Ryan continues to monitor Paypal account.
- D. Mike will send thank you cards to Gene Hester and Archway Galleries for the assistance in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary display.

**Treasurer – Ryan**

- A. Update board on group bank account and funds; \$300 were made from 2010 calendar sales to be used at the 2011 fundraiser; 50<sup>th</sup> expenses were \$228.39 with income from t-shirt sales being \$163
- B. Current balance is \$2206.79 after all expenses for the year including fundraiser.
- C. Lisa and Ryan will check gmail accounts

**Membership – Ken**

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- A. We have 18 new members which brings our total to 90 members.
- B. Mike would like to send a survey with each new membership to see where their interests are. He would also like to send a welcome email explaining benefits and thanks for their support. Mike will get an example letter from the Dallas RPCV group. Nancy will help draft a “marketing” acknowledgement to be sent to new members.
- C. Ken is working on how to get connected with NPCA so that we know who has joined from through them. (Ken has since solved this technical problem.)

### **Kiva – Lisa**

- A. Lisa continues to monitor and reinvest in Kiva. The information is on the website. She will be summarizing some of our loan opportunities to be posted on the website.
- B. Lisa has volunteered to take over treasurer position if needed

### **Website – Stephanie**

- A. Stephanie pointed out the website should be changed to an .org as it is best practices for non-profits to go by .org.
- B. She spoke to the Peace Corps national group to find out about the use of one of our photos on their marketing campaign and requested that they at least ask us in the future.
- C. Any changes in events times or places need to be sent directly to Stephanie so she can get them changed on the website.
- D. Suggestions were made to make events more noticeable and to link to regional recruiting events

### **Fundraising – David**

Programs and descriptions of the projects to vote on were at the door; Band will be arriving at 5:30. Event to end at 8:30.

### **Events:**

- A. Currently most GCCRPCV events take place between Christmas and April and that we may want to look at summer and fall events
- B. David and Bill Tilney are working with contacts at the Baker School at Rice University to do a panel of speakers in the fall on international topics
- C. We would have further discussions on events next board meeting.

**Next Meeting: Friday, May 13 is the next board meeting.**