

Gulf Coast Council of RPCV Annual Meeting January 23, 2011

Location: 10840 Beinhorn Houston, TX 77024

Attendees: Stephanie Wilson, Joe McElligott, Chanit Koumba, Kevin Barnard, Lucy Conden, Megan Fox, Ken Fraley, Shawn Murphy, Nancy Gibson, Benjamin Freelan, Mike Hardin, Ryan Gorozycki, David Scheinmann, Sally Koelzer, Laura Wedelich, Lisa Reynolds, Richard Smith, Allison Lemon, Bill Tilney, Adam Wacker, Bob Shums

Welcome/Introduction by President Joe McElligot – President

Board Member Reports:

**President:** Joe McElligot – no report

**Vice President:** William Tilney, board positions expired

**Secretary** – Nancy Gibson - no report

**Treasurer:** Kevin Barnard, board position expired. Kevin gave the financial report.

2010 beginning balance: \$2,857.20

Total income: \$2005.50

Total Expenses: \$2580.47

2010 Ending Balance: \$2,282.23

**Membership/ Data Base** - Ken Fraley - Give updates to Ken; lists updated periodically by board members and other volunteers; Facebook is also used for communications about events; Ken will send out a mass email asking if contact information can be shared.

**Special Events:** Tara Smarsh – did not attend

**Fundraising:** Sally Koelzer – Board position expired; International Dinner fundraiser at Lisa Reynolds on April 17. Funds have traditionally been used for Peace Corp Partnerships; This can be changed, however this particular fundraiser is listed specifically for fundraising for PC partnerships. RPCV book club is also beginning. Book Club information handouts were made available.

**Archivist:** Lisa Reynolds – We have boxes of past archived material that we need to look through and decide what needs to be digitized and how it needs to be maintained; board will do this at the next meeting;

**Webmaster:** Stephanie Wilson - Continues to update website. She would like to get any upcoming events, pictures and information so it can be posted; Stephanie

**Board Elections:** Three board member positions expired. Ryan Gorozycki (Madagascar 07-09), David Scheinmann (Nepal) and Mike Hardin (Kenya, 08-09) were nominated and elected to fill the board positions. The board will decided among itself as to which positions each new member will fill.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events** -: Two events will be held. One will be at the United Way facility and the other will be at the Archway Gallery. The first event will be on Thursday, March 3 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Ryan Gorozycki is chairing that event. Volunteers are needed to coordinate with specific service areas such as Latin American and Eastern Europe. Volunteers will be needed to staff tables, answer questions. Archway Gallery will show PC artifacts for a month. The opening event will be held on Sunday March 6 from 1 – 5 PM. Gene Hester is coordinating this event. He has asked for artifacts from the countries served by volunteers that can be shown. The gallery curator and Gene will select the items for display. Archway's PR person will assist in promoting the event.

Chanti Koumba, (area recruiter) discussed the 20/20 TV segment. She asked for female volunteers that might help her at recruiter events to talk about their positive security experiences during their service. Meagan, Allison and Nancy volunteered to assist when necessary. Chanti is also working the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Event details will be published on the Peace Corps website. She will include both events in the wording.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.