

WCPCA Board meeting, 1/22/17 at New Day Bakery

PRESENT: Julia Harvey, President; Gary Cornelius, Secretary; Patty Mac Afee; Dale Morse, Treasurer; Amanda Robinson, Membership Coordinator; Chelsea Mackin; . . . **ABSENT:** James Cloutier; Laurette Garner; Juliet Bender, VP. . . call to order at 6:10 p.m.

- 1) New board members, Amanda and Chelsea, welcomed. Amanda has also agreed to be membership coordinator and has been oriented to the duties by Nicky, who leaves the board.
- 2) Budget report: Dale reviewed budget and offered a proposed 2017 budget, with some small changes. After discussion it was accepted unanimously. He noted that about \$3500 is available in our restricted account to donate to PC Partnership projects. Consensus we should choose a project or two to support There is also discussion, initiated by Nicky, about the need for a new laptop for WCPCA business. Dale estimates the cost would be about \$500-700, and Julia agrees to research this issue.
- 3) Calendars – Gary reported there are ten 2017 calendars remaining of the 100 ordered. Estimated profit is \$550 so far.
- 4) Regional campout – Julia had contact from Bill Stein from the Portland RPCV chapter, asking if a location and dates have been identified yet. We were unable to enlist the help of a WCPCA member who lives at the coast for this project, so Julia will do some research focusing on campgrounds in the Willamette National Forest.
- 5) Newsletter – Still no firm newsletter editor to replace Laurette, but Julia knows someone who has expressed interest. She will follow up. There is also discussion of publishing the newsletter every other month if necessary, but there is no decision about this. Its possible Laurette will do one more issue if needed.
- 6) In Juliet’s absence Julia presents a comprehensive, tentative schedule of events Juliet and WCPCA Diantha Hull put together for 2017. Some are suggestions at this point and would need to be developed. Included are potlucks, the send-off party (tentative date 5/18/17), an Emeralds game, a Shakespeare in the Park Event, a Pints for a Cause event at Ninkasi Brewery

to raise funds, another story slam, and dining together at local ethnic restaurants. There are also UO street fairs in April and October that typically we would help the PC recruiter staff, but dates are not yet set.

- 7) There is confusion about the status of the PayPal account. Nicky will inform Gary and Amanda of the password, Amanda to carry out membership coordination duties and Gary for processing PC calendar orders.
- 8) Next meeting: Sunday, March 12th at New Day Bakery, 6 p.m. (There is also a full moon that night, and it's the first day of Daylight Savings Time). Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes by Gary Cornelius, Secretary . . . distributed 2/1/17

ADDENDUM: In an email vote conducted 1/26/17, the board approved 2 donations for PCPP projects, each for \$500. Votes in favor included Gary, Dale, Patty, Juliet, and Julia, for both. Both are Let Girls Learn projects. Projects included:

Lesotho Bathroom Initiative at a girls' school put forth by Oregon PCV J, Wright. . . The High School currently has five working toilets to serve approximately 330 girls, 90 of which live in a boarding house on campus. During class breaks, lines to the latrines are so long many girls are not able to use the facilities before the break ends. Because of this, girls walk down the adjacent hill and relieve themselves in the open, which has had a huge impact on the surrounding community and school. The community has repeatedly complained to both the school's principal as well as to the regional chief. The Community Toilet Initiative proposes to build ten new female toilets on campus, which would triple the number available. The High School has the resources but lacks the funds to get this project started. . . . and

Grassroots Soccer Skillz Girls' Counterpart Training in Liberia, offered by Oregon PCV N. O'Neal. . . . Our project is training for 25 Volunteer counterparts in girls'

empowerment, reproductive health and malaria education. Through this five-day training, our counterparts will learn how to implement the Grassroots Soccer curricula referred to as SKILLZ Girl (girls' empowerment and reproductive health) as well as SKILLZ Malaria (malaria information). This education and empowerment given from the training will give our counterparts the ability to apply these curricula to run camps or after-school activities in our communities to educate girls. It is our hope to apply the information learned from this training to implement Grassroots Soccer camps or after-school activities within our respective volunteer communities during our service. Our counterparts are already strong leaders within our communities and this training will equip them with the necessary tools to be able to empower girls within our communities with soccer skills, self-confidence, reproductive health knowledge, as well as malaria knowledge through application of these curricula. With this knowledge, girls in our community will take away confidence, knowledge about reproductive health, knowledge regarding malaria, and will be able to make informed decisions to lead healthy lives.