

CT RPCV BOD Meeting - June 28, 2018 at 7:00

Attendees

Terese Maineri
Jillian Corley
Bryan Garcia
Al May
Mike Hilton
Maureen Shanley

Annual Picnic

Reserved space at Page Park in [Bristol, CT \(60 Dewitt Drive\)](#) from 12:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Board agreed to move ahead with date, time & location. There are no charcoal grills there nor are they allowed, attendees will be invited to bring a gas grill or a prepared potluck dish. The annual picnic needs to be added to the CTRPCV newsletter.

Financial Update

\$7,180 - Current Operational Balance
\$1,140.49 - Community Service Fund Balance
\$83,500 - Vanguard Account Balance

Incoming Funds

We received \$30 in dues from National RPCV and \$400 for the Community Service Fund from Jillian and Mike through workplace donations. Our Vanguard account for the Community Service Fund is up about 6% for the year. Vanguard does not charge fees for taking out money therefore we should develop a procedure for how much can be taken out of the Vanguard account each year for Community Service Fund.

Expenses

We spent \$50 filing for Secretary of State. \$4,050 was spent on Community Service grants.

Community Service Grants

- Friends of Guatemala - \$2,000 sent (should be added to newsletter)
- Goodwin College Community Garden Project - \$775 sent
- Bridgeport Community Garden Project - \$775 sent
- Katrina Clark Fund - \$500 sent

Maureen revised application for Community Service Fund. It now states that PCVs should submit a PC Partnership Proposal with the application so CTRPCV can send money abroad easier.

Al proposed offering a CTRPCV scholarship for RPCVs applying to graduate programs. The scholarship should be focused on supporting education areas that apply to the RPCV's area of service. The scholarship would go directly to admissions, not the RPCV. The board supports this proposal, Al will put together a template for a potential scholarship offering.

Newsletter

Bryan will reach out to Elise about starting Mail Chimp account to support member lists and engagement through e-newsletters. Mail Chimp is an organized newsletter that can keep track of active readers, it cost

about \$10/month for an email list up with up to 500 people. Bryan and Elise will work with Mike to process payment.

Reminder to send photos of recent events for the newsletter including the Yard Goats game to Elise for the newsletter. Community Service grants awarded should also be included in the newsletter – ex. Friends of Guatemala.

Upcoming Events

- 4th of July Parade –
- Annual Meeting/Picnic - July 28
- Hike and Pot Luck - October?

Tasks

- Add article in newsletter - Al and/or Terese to send photo of Yard Goats to Bryan and he will draft short article to Elise
- Add article in newsletter - Maureen to draft on Friends of Guatemala for Elise
- Add article in newsletter for Community Service Fund
- Add article on annual picnic
- Al will work on designing scholarship program for Community Service Fund for consideration by BoD
- Al to reach out to Nikole to have lunch and introduce her to CT RPCV
- Look into putting a Donate button on our website - Maureen to talk to Claude about PayPal