

CTRPCV Quarterly Board Meeting Notes

Attending

Bryan Garcia
Mike Hilton
Jillian Corley
Albert May

Announcements

- **Future Quarterly Board Meetings**

- July 25, 2019
 - Location: Hammonasset Beach State Park – Summer Picnic
- October 24, 2020
 - Location: TBD
- December 12, 2020
 - Location: TBD

- **Financials**

- Vanguard funds have dropped as expected given volatility in the market due to COVID-19. The current balance is \$64,064.15, with \$38,430.74 in the Vanguard money market account (earning .25 percent interest) and \$25,633.41 invested in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). We started off with an investment of \$76,000, have taken out \$11,000, we are just about where we started.
- Checking account has about \$10,000 in it, there have not been major transactions other than paying for the mailbox. Some reimbursements will need to be made for Mail Chip & filings
- Annual secretary of state filing was completed by Bryan Garcia

- **Events**

- **Connecticut Food Bank (March)** – This event was postponed due to COVID-19 and will be rescheduled once operations are back to normal
- **Darien Book Aid (March)** – There were 6 volunteers that showed up and 25 boxes of books were packed. Due to COVID-19 these books are being held by Darien Book Aid until Peace Corps Volunteers have returned to their service sites.
- **Trail Crew Day for Joshua's Trust (May or June)** – Bene will look into organizing an event – minimum of 10 people

- **Hole in the Wall Gang Camp (June through August)** – Bryan left message for Deb Frasure
- **Summer Picnic - Hammonasset State Park (July 25, 2020)** – This event may need to be postponed due to COVID-19. The board will decide if we need to reschedule in the next couple months.
- **Holiday Party (December 12)** – Mike Hilton - Date and location is flexible
- **Community Service Grants & Scholarships**
 - No new community grants - need an update on how many were received in 2019. Bryan will reach out to Maureen to ask for an update on reporting.
 - Al has been reaching out to schools about the RPCV scholarship for \$2000. COVID-19 has had a huge impact on schools. The board approved the scholarship application and it was agreed that a June deadline for 2020 submissions would be set. The scholarship will be advertised through facebook and an email blast. Many RPCVs are returning home and may be looking into school options. Al & Maureen will take the lead.
- **Communications & Website**
 - New website – Bene is working on the new website to make it less packed, easier to read. There will be an opportunity for feedback.
 - 750 people are receiving the newsletter and about 30% are opening that email, Mail Chip seems to be working. There was good attendance at holiday party & film showing.
 - The board decided to look into a branding organization called 99 Designs that can help give CTRPCV a fresh look. It is an inexpensive and high-quality crowd-marketing design site. The total cost is \$499 for the Silver Package. Bryan Garcia will reach out.