

CTRPCV Quarterly Board Meeting Notes

Attending

Bryan Garcia
Jillian Winterkorn
Maureen Shanley
Allegra Itsoga
Bob Senk
Bene Nautin

Announcements

- Future Quarterly Board Meetings

- March 20, 2021
- July 17, 2021 at Allegra's house
- October 16, 2021
- December 11, 2021

Call the Annual Meeting to Order

Roundtable of introductions.

Board approved meeting minutes

October 24, 2020 - BG motion to approve, board approved

- **Finance Updates**

- Bank Account (checking) - \$9,193.72
- Donations that came through CTRPCV website - a total of \$575 - \$300 (donate button) + \$275 mail in checks
- Investment Account - \$77,948.23, up 9.6% since Dec 2019
- The investment account is doing really well, it is over what we initially invested even though we took money out.

- **Engagement -Newsletter & Events**

- Website - Bene has a lot of content and will try to get the newsletter out on Monday

- Fundraising letter will go out a few days later, there is a donate now button at the end. How do we say thank you to people who mail in donations? Website donations get a thank you email donated.
 - Bryan will put together co-president's message for the newsletter
 - Bob Senk works for the State of CT and is looking into whether Peace Corps Volunteers can get a pension credit. This would allow PCVs to buy credit for the number of years they served. Maureen & Lois got pension credit for teachers, they understand the process, and it might be possible for PCVs. We need to find the legislation where it would sit, does it sit in the statute for medical service - Public Act 98-251? Bob has lined up a State Senator to discuss this with. Allegra has contact that may be helpful. Allegra will send out mailchimp survey asking who works for the State of Connecticut to gather some data and see if anyone wants to be involved. Bene and Allegra will write something up to engage RPCVs on topic.
 - Events – maybe we can start thinking about the July picnic, hikes, food bank, recruitment event. If it's a Peace Corps event we can't charge anything (parking, etc.). Maybe we can invite a PC rep. to discuss where Peace Corps is at.
- **Community Service Grants**
 - Hartford Catholic Worker – They received a \$1,000 Community Service Grant. They are holding onto the donation because Covid-19 prohibited them from opening their house to one and all as they normally would do. Their plan is to build the picnic tables with covered areas in the spring. They asked if we wanted the money returned, Maureen told them it was fine to use it in the spring. It made no sense to buy new picnic tables and just have the outside to weather through the winter. Maureen will follow up again in the late spring.
 - Nicaragua – we sent \$2,000, anonymous PCV donated \$1,000
 - Grow Good in the Neighborhood - community gardens, could make a good story to get an update on how this is going, Maureen requested photos from Mike