

CTRPCV Quarterly Board Meeting Notes

Attending

Bryan Garcia
Mike Hilton
Jillian Corley
Maureen Shanley
Allegra Itsoga
Tom Burns
Bene Nautin

Announcements

- **Future Quarterly Board Meetings**

- December 12, 2020
 - Location: Virtual

Call the Annual Meeting to Order

Roundtable of introductions.

Board approved meeting minutes

March 30, 2020 - BG motion to approve
June 27, 2020 - BG motion to approve

- **Nominations and Elections to the Board of Directors**

- Board approved nomination for directors & member roles. According to the bylaws there are 4 officer positions - President, Vice President, Treasury & Secretary. Mike & Bryan were approved to continue as co-presidents. Allegra was approved as Vice President. Jillian as Secretary. Mike as Treasurer. Allegra was also approved as Social Media & Membership Coordinator. Jillian was approved as Events Coordinator. Bryan will send out bylaws.

- **Finance Updates**

- Bank Account - \$10,690.58
- Four donations came through CTRPCV website - a total of \$375.
- Two membership fees came through national - a total of \$30

- Expenditures include mail box & Mail Chimp fee
- Investment Account - doing really well - \$74,349.30
- Question on dues from Tom. Mike responded we voted not to charge dues for membership last year, but we do encourage donations.
- Allegra proposed doing an end of year fundraiser. Allegra will brainstorm ways to put this together.

- **Engagement -Website, Newsletter & Events**

- Website - Bene has been working hard on the website, it's been an extraordinary effort and it has come a long way. Website is much more user friendly & simplified.
- There will be a few website updates based on the meeting today. Bene will put the Donate button in next newsletter
- Jillian will set up meeting this week with Allegra & Bene to discuss new roles & website
- Bene wants the CTRPCV community to submit more articles for the newsletter and to find ways to better engage people. Board proposed some ideas. Could the CTRPCV board send out an email with a few questions to learn more about the RPCV community or do a profile on someone? Couldn we move the "submit an article" to the top of the newsletter? Can we showcase RPCV businesses & non-profits? We could ask if RPCVs know of job openings and do they want to fill it with an RPCV?
- Should we post something on facebook encouraging people to vote? We need to allow Allegra to be an administrator, she will manage a short post.
- Events - everything is on hold until further notice

- **Community Service Grants**

- Community service grant request came through for a school in Nicaragua. A PCV helped the woman submitting start this project & CT Quest for Peace has supported this effort by sending books and starting materials. In 2018, there were political issues that led to funding supporting the school being stripped. The woman managing the project needs \$3500 to finish the project. This would go over the budget for our annual volunteer budget. Maureen is requesting \$3,500 if we're able to go over budget, but asked if we only spend what we earn or do we do what we can when?
 - The endowment money donated was meant to keep the organization afloat & support community service fund
 - Board has spent \$3000 of the community service budget this year and there is a \$4,000 annual spending budget for community service projects. There is a \$2,000 spending budget for scholarships. The board has not spent money on scholarships this year. There is \$3000 left to spend,
 - Jillian proposed keeping to an annual budget, we don't know how much we're going to make/lose each year, but we should be able to move money if not spent in the scholarship fund. The Board agreed to stick to an annual spending limit.
 - The Board agreed to fund the Nicaragua project \$2,000.
- Incoming Funds

- There are no incoming funds which limits ability to spend more per year, bank account money came from endowment. We don't collect much money per year.
- Allegra proposed setting an annual goal to make \$10k a year of incoming money so we're not just taking money from the endowment and will brainstorm the best way to go about reaching out. If people donate, Allegra will follow up with thank you. We should also provide a way for people to share on social media that they donated.