

CTRPCV Quarterly Board Meeting Notes

Attending

Bryan Garcia
Jillian Winterkorn
Maureen Shanley
Tom Burns

Announcements

- **Future Quarterly Board Meeting**

- July 16, 2022 (Summer Picnic) – Allegra’s house potential
- December, 6 or 13, 2022 (need to confirm date with Jesus) – Soul de Cuba

Call the Annual Meeting to Order

Roundtable of introductions.

Board needs to approve minutes

Tom motioned to approve. Maureen seconded

- **Finance Updates**

Update from Mike 3/24/22:

- Business account has a balance of \$6,365.83. We have paid our mail chimp fees, donation button fees, and mail box fee.
- For our Vanguard Investment Account, we have a balance of: \$86,905.52. Year to date loss = \$4,133.54. However, since 1 year back we still have an increase of \$6,900.45.
- Money paid out from community services fund is \$2,000.00 to Tonga, hence we have \$4,000 left for 2022. If we send \$ for Ukraine, then we will have \$2,000 left for community service grants.

Prior to Mike's update: (Not updated since March 20, 2021) – Jillian will reach out to Mike for update

- Bank Account (checking) - \$9,723.03 (need to pay for mailchimp, \$15/month, Donate button costs \$180/yr). We usually get the bulk of the donations at the end of year which cover cost of donate button.
- Investment Account – up to \$85,782.82 as of March 20, 2021 (when we started we had \$72,000)
- Donation from Eversource came through for \$300

- **Engagement -Newsletter & Events**

- Jillian followed up with Allegra on Picnic date July 16, 2022.
- Food Bank, Darien Book Aid, Hole in the Wall, Joshua Tree – waiting on confirmation on accepting volunteers
- Jillian did do a volunteer day with Darien Book Aid, but it was limited in the number of people allowed to assist
- Bene will be sending out a request for the newsletter
- Joan Leonard continues to do advocating for Peace Corps in Washington, DC. She involved Bryan in a meeting with a staffer of Senator Murphy that went very well.

- **Community Service Grants**

- Bob Halstead is requesting a Community Service Grant for Bridgeport Community Land Trust to support community gardening. Bob has been organizing these for years and we have supported him in the past – 20 of these continue to exist. The project includes community garden at the High School and cooking amenities. RPCV grant will support the cost of the shed and gardening & pruning tools. Grant is for \$2,000. Jillian motioned to approved, Tom second. Board approved grant.
- Bryan mentioned Sustainable CT as an additional tool Bob could use to match funds
- Maureen mentioned difficulties in Nicaragua and the book program CT Quest for Peace was supporting, they can no longer send materials to Nicaragua, they can only send money. Maureen is working with a Community English Center in Nueva Guinea Nicaragua. Recently, there was bad weather which created a river and the community needs to build a retaining wall to keep the building where it is. Maureen can send money through Western Union. Donation is for \$2,000. Jillian motioned to approved, Tom seconded. Board approved donation.
- Board discussed donation to Ukraine and if there is a RPCV connected to Ukraine. Bryan reached out to a RPCV who served there.

