

Regina Public Interest Research Group

Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

URSU Boardroom

1. Check-In

Present: Jenn, Anna, Devon, Kaylene, Brennan, Robbi, Mike

2. Approval of agenda, board roles and minutes

2.1. Approval of Agenda and Board Roles:

Facilitator: Robbi

Minutes: Kaylene

Vibe watcher: Devon

2.2. November 10 minutes to be approved next meeting.

3. Presentations

4. Staff Reports: Jenn and Anna presented their staff reports.

Business arising from staff reports:

4.1. RPIRG posters for circulation in the Carillon- we would like to create a poster which educates students about what RPIRG's mandate has been doing over the past year. This may require hiring a graphic designer.

4.2. 16 Days of Activism: This event gave RPIRG a lot of publicity. We were in the Carillon 3 weeks in a row, advertised on the televisions on campus, and the pamphlets were very popular. Todd Gordon's presentation in the ADHUM pit was very well attended. RPIRG should consider holding events in this space in the future.

4.3. Apathy into Action: Gwynne Dyer has approached RPIRG with regard to speaking at the University during his book tour. He will be speaking during the Apathy into Action conference on March 10. There was discussion about RPIRG h

4.4. Community Action Research Projects: Jenn and Anna went through the applications for both projects. They will be interviewing a total of 5 individuals on Friday for the project, to start on January 5, when next semester commences. Devon suggested that the students be required to start a blog published through the RPIRG website. We would also like to organize a launch event, to help publicize the new branch of our organization.

5. Discussion Items:

5.1. Board of Directors Training Night: Building a strong board team: Devon and Brennan reported that the board training was not very beneficial for our board, as it was very basic and simplistic.

5.2. RPIRG Christmas Party: The board has opted for going out, and a private room has been booked at Michi on Friday night from 7:00-9:00. Afterward, Amnesty International will be having a concert which we could attend. Or, we could go to Jenn's house and play games. OR we could go to O'Hanlons. It's going to be so much fun!

5.3. Slow Food Movement: Mike talked to the board about Community members in Regina who have started an initiative to bring the slow food movement to Regina. This initiative strives to encourage the citizens to re-establish their relationship with food, and make healthy food choices. Perhaps this group would be interested in presenting at Apathy Into Action. RPIRG is willing to advertise this in the next newsletter, to try to stimulate additional interest in the movement.

6. Motions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the board approves up to \$1300 in printing and assembly costs for winter semester advertising, and that this money come out of the PR line item.

CARRIED.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

7.1. Jenn will post a class schedules thread on basecamp to establish the most convenient time to meet next semester.

8. Notice of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be January 4, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the URSU boardroom.