

# RPIRG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

## Jan 25, 2008

### Call to Order 3:03 p.m.

Chair – Meghan

Time Keeper – Billy

Minutes – Phil

Catch Up – Steph

Vibes – Jeanette

### Go Around (How is everyone?)

**Agenda:** add a check out at the end of the agenda

### 1. Presentation “Open Engagement Legacy Fund” (5 minutes)

- Overview of artists conference in Regina
- Jennifer Delos Reyes proposes keeping a dialogue open stemming from the Open Engagement Conference.
- Bring in an artist annually to stay with a local resident, network, host dinners, participate in “11 Steps to Beautiful Civic Engagement” which would be the criteria for applying artists.
- Project would focus on A-typical encounters, putting art outside of a gallery context... .social justice oriented art.
- Once a year during the main school year, for at least one week (up to three weeks, as long as it takes to become engaged in the local environment).
- Jennifer will not be around next year but would like to be involved.....have two committees, consisting of the RPIRG board, and community members who were part of the conference making recommendations.
- John Hampton, Rochelle Knowles?.....to follow up beyond this year?
- Project is fairly open at this point, board members can have input on types of artists/projects etc...

### 2. Committee Updates (5-7 minutes each 30-40 total) *this was enough time*

#### a) Employment Committee

- Shawn has excused himself from this portion of the conversation
- Tentative contract February 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009
- Correct spelling mistakes...
- Be it resolved that the RPIRG board of directors adopts the proposed contract effective Feb. 1, 2007-Jan 31, 2009 for Shawn O’Dell
- The motion is put forward by Phil, seconded by Sarah
- **The motion is passed**

**b) Mission Statement Committee**

- is meeting Monday to address language around this issue

**c) Conference Committee**

- Met with the social work students society and Camion Campus Ministries
- Agreed on a title "Apathy Into Action"
- Tentative date March 15, 2008
- Bringing in Ward Churchill on March 13<sup>th</sup> (still pending response from booking agent), space is booked
- Conference consists of students and student group doing work shops
- Will need to work out logistics around food, advertising needs to begin right away
- Would be around \$1000 for Carillon advertising (roughly \$1 a poster)....posters both on and off campus
- Conference planning committee/P.R. committee work together on this

Be it resolved that up to and including \$1000 be allotted for advertising toward the Social Justice conference March 15, 2008

There are no objections, **the consensus is reached**

**The board spent 10 minutes reviewing consensus at this point.**

**d) Application Assessment Committee**

- four applications looked over: U.N. club, Open Engagement Legacy Fund, Missing Women's Conference, Students for Sustainability Conference
- deadline for applications recommendation: February 15, 2007 based on the re-appropriation of funds allocated for Queer Services Conference which was not secured.
- posters up for this deadline?.....website.
- there are no objections to this deadline, **a consensus is reached.**

**e) Financial Committee**

- Having an RPIRG credit card is proposed, there is a need to create purchasing power (i.e. speakers, software, etc...)
- The financial committee will look into the specifics of this credit card, so that they may bring more information to the rest of the board. This should be done next week.
- Proposed budget, and actual spending comparison to come

**f) P.R. Committee**

- Presentation given at the Students for Sustainability conference for the creation of PIRG's by Billy and Phil, a great deal of student interest
- great deal of interest at the UofS, networking needs to be established between Universities....we should lend our support in whatever way possible?
- possible breakfast meeting(s)
- 10 000 members, most of which don't yet know what PIRG is (posters, pamphlets, buttons, visibility, might improve that)

### **3. Admin. Coordinator** (5 minutes) *took 10 minutes*

- report from the past couple of weeks (there is a hard copy available)
- Shawn is happy with the committee meetings as they are currently going, which has improved the process (we're becoming more efficient)
- small groups seem to be working well
- recommending that each committee creates an over arching policy by March to be put together to create an RPIRG policy manual
- more events/get together for board members and the public to break free of the monotony of the meeting
- meeting with each board member individually to improve delegation and understanding
- creation of FCAC, letter sent out...Shawn will try to approach staff/community members recommended by the board (two males contacted, a female voice would be welcomed)
- meeting with the registrar scheduled, to further our understanding of enrollment figures
- Basecamp type software, to allow people to log on and communicate with one another

### **4. Library** (7 minutes)

- Proposed \$2000 for books, \$500 for shelves, budgeted for an alternative library, suggestions from board members for books
- Specific themes, covering that which GBLUR and the Women's Center have been unable to (these centers cover titles on gender issues as a focus)
- DVD's.....documentaries could be valuable resources, check the library to see if the titles are already available, suggestions from members (not just board members)
- Make a wish list

### **5. Check Out** (3 minutes) *more time needed (10 minutes)*

Suggestions for meeting:

- Work further away from Robert's Rules
- Analyze the amount of time each section is actually taking for future reference
- Meghan has done an excellent job chairing
- Do a catch-up on consensus at the beginning of meetings (another workshop for board members)

Resource recommendations:

- The Rebel Sell (Potter & Heath)
- The Fourth World War (DVD)
- Infidel (Ayaan Hirsi Ali)
- Michael Franti's Documentary: I Know I'm Not Alone
- Fiction Titles
- Unrepentant: Kevin Annet and Canada's Genocide (DVD)
- Colossians
- Pacifism as Pathology (Ward Churchill)
- Blue Covenant (Maude Barlow)

- Magazine subscriptions
- Art and Social Justice texts
- Waking Up the Nation (DVD)
- Rabbit Proof Fence (DVD)

**Meeting Adjourned 4:43 p.m.**