

## Regina Public Interest Research Group

Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2011

The Lazy Owl, 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

### 1. Check In – Call to Order

1.1. In attendance: Brennan, Robbi, Ashley, Alix, Devon, Anna, Jenn, Mike, Taylor, Dianna.

1.2. Regrets: Ali

### 2. Approval of agenda, board roles, and minutes

2.1. Approval of Agenda and Board Roles: Chair – Devon      Minutes – Ashley      Mood -

2.2. Approval of minutes for November 10, December 8, and January 10. - Approved

### 3. Presentations

#### 3.1. Community Action Projects

North Central Community History Project – Taylor Bendig

- Completing profiles of prominent public figures who grew up or lived in North Central.
- Has completed one profile and has two interviews set up for this coming week.
- What will be the end result of this project? What can be done with the profiles created?
- Mentioned developing an interactive map of sorts or a map that could be utilised to organise a Jane's Walk tour of North Central based around the profiles.

Crimes Free Multi-Housing Project – Dianna Graves

- meant to create pride and ownership to those in rental properties with the end goal being to transform a community with high crime rates into a crime free community.
- Program has three phases:
  - I ) workshop with landlords (i.e. Sign agreements with landlords in communities to ensure proper housing costs and maintenance etc...)
  - ii) on sight visit of properties
  - iii) on sight visits with tenants
- Eradicate crime by establishing a community of people with shared goals
- Big question. Where are those who were once involved in crime in the community going? Are they relocating to new areas? Or giving up a criminal life style?
- Main goal of Dianna's research is to asses the successes and failures of similar programs that have been established in other cities.
- Whether Regina should attempt to implement such a program and to ensure that if it is a good fit for the city that the program is implemented. I.e. Action and not just talk.

#### 3.2. Financial Update – Quarter 2 - Jenn

- Student fees: higher than budgeted for.
- Facilities and equipment: \$200 higher because of new printer
- RPIRG events: Almost reached projected budget. Seems to not be a problem because only one more planned RPIRG event (Apathy into Action) until fiscal year ends.
  - Decided that the specifics of RPIRG event funding should be listed.
- Apathy in Action Funding:
  - SCIC may only have about \$4000 as opposed to \$7000
  - Gwyne Dyer's cost is \$5000; so RPIRG may have to pay up to half of his cost if SCIC cannot commit any more than \$4000.

- Event on Friday or Saturday night?

#### 4. Staff Reports:

Outreach and Events Coordinator

- Advisory Committee Date?
- Still has not heard back from everyone but the options are either Monday, February 14 or Wednesday, February 16.
- RPIRG cardigans:
  - Flowprint cost is very high (\$50)
  - it was decided to explore self-funding options

Executive Director

- Call for next meeting:
- **Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>**: Interviews with Harvey
- **Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**: Board Meeting and Apathy into Action

#### 5. Discussion Items

##### 5.1. Board of Directors Elections

- As per that email sent by Jenn it seems unlikely that we will be able to coordinate our election with URSU's general elections as they are conducting them online.
- A paper ballot election run by outgoing board members seems to be the most likely situation at this point.

##### 5.2. Strategic Planning Reminder: **Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Estimated cost including meals = \$1400

##### 5.3. Infographic/photo awareness stunt insert.

- Jenn and Anna have been working to photoshop a picture they found on the internet.
- Mike is going to talk to an artist he knows to try and get the picture they found re-drawn.

#### 6. Motions

##### 6.1. Apathy into Action Funding

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RPIRG spend \$3,000 on the annual Apathy into Action conference, including costs associated with keynote speaker Gwyne Dyer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this money comes out of the RPIRG events line item.

**CARRIED.**

##### 6.2. Yves Engler Event

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RPIRG reimburse Yves Engler the equivalent of one bus ticket from Winnipeg to Regina as travel costs.

**CARRIED.**

#### 7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

#### 8. Notice of Next Meeting

- Monday, February 7, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Lazy Owl.

#### 9. Check Out