

RPIRG Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Nov 16th, 2007

Meeting called to order at 12:35. Shawn has graciously offered to chair.

Introductions and Announcements

Present: Shawn, Sarah P, Erin M, Stephanie, Kristy, Jeanette S, Heather W, Gabe P, Sarah C, Glenna

Regrets: Billy

Agenda was adopted

1. Books through Bars are collecting books and sending them to Correctional facilities and homes. They are asking for \$500?

Discussion about current RPIRG finances shows the accounts to be less bountiful than hoped (25,000 less). Currently, the budget for working groups is set at \$5000 so the funds are available.

Clarification on the funding process was provided. A letter will be forwarded to BTB containing the final terms of the agreement. The financial contact person will be the payee on the cheque.

Some discussion emerged around having a bank account as a requisite but the group decided to follow the LPIRG precedent. A member brought up the point that the agreement can be reviewed at any time if discrepancies are suspected.

Gabe moves:

BIRT RPIRG Board of Directors draft a letter approving working group status and \$500 in funding for Books Through Bars.

Motion carries

Discussion emerged around drafting a form letter to use and the group agreed to help with that.

2. Election -

a) Election for the 2008/09 RPIRG Board of Directors is set for Nov. 30th.

Nominees and Board Members present discussed the rules. The Election promotion costs will be covered by RPIRG including (SEE AGENDA FOR BUDGET BREAKDOWN)

Members agreed that campaign materials would be limited to materials produced by the RPIRG.

The possibility of having a forum at the Nov 22nd potluck was discussed but members felt more comfortable with an informal atmosphere. Candidates would like to have a table set up in the hall to help with campaigning also.

b) Members approved printing 1000 ballots and having them folded. The printed materials were discussed.

Motion:

BIRT RPIRG approves \$935 for election budget and \$250 for the Potluck.

Motion carried.

3) RPIRG potluck Nov.22nd.

Kristy is talking to Christina about obtaining contact information for campus groups.

The group agreed that a film would be desirable and were looking into obtaining one from Rock the Boat Books or Cinema Politica.

Gabe, Heather and Kristy volunteered to help setup

Erin agreed to work on a presentation with Shawn about RPIRG.

4) Website: Concept Complete. The group is happy with it.

Motion:

BIRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approve the spending of \$1332.00 to Urban Roots Media for the RPIRG website home page and interior graphic design concept.

Motion Carried.

5) RPIRG Position on Sask Human Rights Commission inclusion of trans-gender persons.

The RPIRG would like to learn more about the issue before drafting a letter and will arrange to meet with a representative from GBLUR.

6. Shawn is looking into purchasing photoshop for RPIRG.

7. Carillon Article: Erin is drafting a reply in response to a recent article in the Carillon.

8. Strike

An update was given to members regarding the current state of negotiations between CUPE and the University Administration.

RPIRG discussed having a presence at "Work Out In" and organizing a petition supporting the bargaining process and Union concerns.