

RPIRG Board Meeting
October 9, 2009; 4:00 p.m.
John Archer Library

Present: Brennan, Charlotte, Clint, Vicki, Robbi, Alix, Shaheen

1. Introductions/Chocolate check-in
2. Agenda approved
3. Minutes from September 23rd meeting approved

4. Events

4.1. Film Screening update: The screening will be October 21st rather than the 22nd and will be held in LI 215. The room is booked from 2-5pm. Vicki will e-mail Shaheen contact information for community groups to attend/table. As for a billet for Paul, Charlotte volunteered. Alix will create a Facebook event and Shaheen will send a message to members of the RPIRG Facebook group.

4.2. FCAC orientation meeting: Date set for October 14th at 5pm in CL 417; Brennan volunteered to attend; Robbi might be able to go as well

4.3. Having an RPIRG newsletter à la APIRG (discussion); this would be an easy and effective way of advertising events, and for board members to contribute items of interest

5. Board Responsibility and Portfolio Updates

5.1. Applications Assessment Committee. Conclusions for this round of funding applications: Brennan summarized results of committee meeting; Board and Staff pleased with results; decisions made were best, based on nature and quality of applications. The need exists to clearly outline the problems with applications so that RPIRG receives what it needs to make the appropriate funding allocations. Additionally, helping applicants with their proposals after submission would give them uneven preference. Vicki will draft letters to send to applicants and Charlotte will follow up.

BIRT RPIRG approves a total of \$5,309.27 for the Fall 2009 round

5.2. Other portfolio mentions

Brennan volunteered to sign for Staff paycheques; a Finance Committee meeting should have been held before the Applications Assessment Committee met; we think it is a good idea to have one before the next funding round (discussion). Clint thought it would be a good idea anyway to clarify how individuals and groups receive funding specifically.

Finance Committee (Clint, Char, Brennan, Alix, Vicki, Robbi, Shaheen [maybe]) will meet Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30p.m. (likely in the fishbowl)

The next Board meeting will be October 4th

The next Applications Assessment Committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30p.m. in the fishbowl.

To look into for next meeting: Eligibility of URSU student groups to also be RPIRG Working Groups.

6. Board Turnover

6.1 Elections/Mentoring & Succession Planning: The initial orientation meeting for October 23rd will not be held in favour of October 29th at 3:30p.m. in CL 431 to hold an 'Intro to RPIRG' session. Board members should take the initiative on this to orient potential new Board members. Alix has class until 4:00p.m. that day, Robbi has class at 4:00p.m., Clint and Brennan may be able to attend for a short time only. Shaheen and Charlotte will work together on getting a presentation prepared.

6.1 Other election considerations? Election help needed: tabling beforehand, to be present day of election i.e., 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.; counting ballots

7. Garson Hunter's research proposal: volunteers, committees, and/or staff responsibility? (discussion) Vicki parlayed Garson's idea. Board is interested but unsure exactly how to proceed. The discussion on this will continue.

8. Briarpatch: Does RPIRG want to give donations?

(discussion) We like the idea of helping to sustain Briarpatch, but are not positive it fits entirely within the RPIRG mandate. Vicki mentioned the option of advertising in Briarpatch to benefit us and them at the same time. Board decided to shift discussion on this to Basecamp to come to a better conclusion.

9. Next meeting

Date: November 4th

On November 16th Clint, Shaheen, Vicki and any other interested parties will attempt an evaluation of time as a Board member for PIRG. Said individuals will converge at 3:34p.m. in the Lazy Owl. A written copy will be forwarded to Laurie for her insight.

10. Check-out