

September NECN Board Meeting Minutes
Recorded, September 18, 2012
Approved, October 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by chair Lopez, who will abstain from all votes unless otherwise noted.

Members present: Joan Ivan(ENA), Pauline Bradford(ENA), Luke Grosser(WNA), Jim Brown(ANA), Robert Bowles(at large), Steve Cole(ICA), Chris Lopez(SGNA), David Lomax(KNA), Paul Anthony(HNA), David Sweet(SCA), Peter O'Neil(ICA), Don Rouzie(SCA), Bill Leissner(CNA), Lupin Morgan(BNA). Damon Isiah Thomas(at large), Shirley Minor(WNA)
Absent: Adam Karol(ANA), Katie Ugolini(CNA), Jeff Scott(KNA), Charles McGee(at large),
Staff: Anjala Ehelebe
Guests: Lee Perlman, Janet Goetz

Amend agenda Approve Board assignments instead of Approve committee assignments on the tentative agenda. **Paul moved, Pauline seconded and the chair and Lupin abstained, motion carried.**

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Chris says you all know we have hired Shoshana Cohen as interim director 25 hours a week. There was catching up to do over the last few weeks, projects needed catching up. Katy Asher is now Neighborhood program manager. NECN as hired Babs Adamski as small grants organizer. Looking for energize NE coordinator, hoping to fill it next week.

Steve Cole says we are very fortunate to have Shoshana helping us get back to stability, we're ahead of schedule in recovering from the transition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Energize NE is on track now, reports Steve Cole, with an event next thursday at LT. Getting website up now. Will need Board Members to do outreach to the community, need canvassers. Will need help with the event at Umpqua Bank, 6 30 ish, to press the flesh.

2. Volunteer Appreciation party, Katy Ugolini had an emergency; report next time.

3. Good in the Hood. C Lopez had a conversation with Cheryl Roberts, she wants to get out of the business and turn it over to NECN. She wants two Board Members to serve on their steering committee. Robert Bowles says there are LOTS of questions about the finances and other operational events. They will meet with NECN and others in forthcoming weeks. Has demanded certain information from Cheryl R and has received NOTHING, and Paul makes the **motion would it be appropriate to put together a small committee to assess that future involvement, and he'd be glad to serve on such a committee, seconded by Steve Cole.** Discussion. Sweet says we have a number of long term projects we have to catch up on. Might be an overload to take on this project. CL says wouldn't lift a finger on this until next Spring. Steve Cole says the staff won't take on any projects unless there's staff and funding to do it. We got our 7% fee from being their fiscal sponsor this year.

Damon, Steve and Anjala volunteer to be on this committee. **Vote in favor unanimously.**

NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

1. Joint No Coal resolution letter. S Cole gives background on the issue. Discussion. Can't cover train cars, because they explode, sparks on the tracks can set them off. Surfactant sprayed on coal to keep it in cars has its own problems, too. Can't trust the coal shipper's words. Edit: "consumption is against our values" should be "are against our

values” . Other than that, an excellently crafted letter, kudos to Benjamin. **David Sweet moves(Peter O’Neil 2nds) approving this letter. Motion passes unanimously.**

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

LUTC - had the joint meeting with SALT on coal, reports D Sweet. Occupied with opposing CRC. S Cole says we've had a request from CLF to help financially support a lobbyist against CRC, but we have budget constraints. Maybe \$100/mo. Peter hopes that this is something each neighborhood could kick in to; good idea. D Sweet says the CLF been doing an outstanding job on this issue, carrying us, sort of. Evan Mandel is a key person on this issue who knows which legislators are on the fence about CRC. **S Cole moves \$200 to help support the lobbyist, D Sweet seconds. Discussion. Vote, Damon opposed, Pauline and Chris abstained, motion passes.**

Schools Committee - S Cole asks that the Board publicly endorse the school bond issue to rehab many schools. **P O'Neil motions, Jim seconds endorsing this bond measure, unanimously supported.**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Budget has been developed, looking better. Wondering about why the phone bill is as high as it is. Can't tell how it was set up. Shoshana Cohen is quite confident this ball will be unraveled, the alert and precise staff are confident . Robert says lots of the financial issues have been resolved. He expects us to be financially in a better place in a couple months, knowing how the money is being spent. The budget developed for this year is really stripped down, says Robert.

Personnel - Luke says that he has been appointed the chair.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Development – Winter fundraiser at the Rose Garden, date scheduled 1/12/2013 and venue scheduled for catered meal. Try to do this without taking up staff time. That's why going to Rose Garden, whose staff does it all.

Steve Cole wonders if we want to come out against of the “Grange” proposal because it will take Oregon Lottery revenue from the state, which uses the Lottery income as the number 2 source of income after income taxes. **Steve Cole moves that the Board issue a resolution against the two Ballot Measures 82 and 83, Paul seconds the motion.** Discussion. Video poker is giving the State most of its lottery income. Contrary to the proponents, this doesn't increase net employment, says D Sweet. **Unanimously supported.**

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT See attached.

Meeting adjourns 8:06 pm.