

USHS Board Meeting Minutes

7.29.14

Present: Maxine Adelstein, Catherine Antunes, Pat Aylward, James Cotten, Donna Crews-Finney, John Laird, Lora Laird, Carol Lee, Maria McConchie, Renata Parrino, Carolyn Shenmen, Phil Sorensen, Lincoln Wachtel, Patricia Brady Walzer

Excused Absence: Kimberlee Bach, Laila Beltrao, Robert Jaffe, Cheryl Ritenbaugh

Unexcused Absence: Sharmila Graefer, Dawn Meltzer

Next meeting: 8/26/2014 2pm-4pm PST

Call-in: (605) 475-4800 Pin: 271411#

Decisions:

1. The minutes from 6/24/14, both sets, were approved.
2. Pat Aylward and Cheryl Ritenbaugh were elected as co-chairs of the USHS Board, effective 7/29/14.
3. The 2014-15 budget proposal titled 'Approved 2014-15 budget.7.28.14' was approved, with minor corrections to the labor recap sheet.
4. The board authorized the development committee to move fundraising campaign to the Fall and discuss coordination with the Farm of Peace and SSC.

Accountabilities:

1. Catherine Antunes to present a policy on sale of donated stocks by 8/26/14.
2. Board members to email leads for grants and foundation fundraising to John Laird and Catherine Antunes.

Agenda:

1. The board thanked retiring members, Dean Janeff and John Whalen, for their service to USHS.
2. The board welcomed new and returning board members. New board members were seated (Donna Crews-Finney, Sharmila Graefer, Maria McConchie, Dawn Meltzer).
3. Carolyn Shenmen stepped down as Board Chairperson and new board co-chairs were elected (Pat Aylward and Rahima Ritenbaugh).
4. Kimberlee Bach retired as board secretary and nominations for her replacement were solicited.

5. The 2014-15 budget proposal was approved, with minor corrections to the labor recap sheet.
6. Phil Sorensen presented the FOC report. Cash flow stable for the year, no surprises.
7. Catherine Antunes presented the Development Committee report.
The 2013-14 fundraising campaign has reached 74% of its goal and stands at \$257,000 in donations and pledges, of which \$52,479 is to come in FY 2014-15. Fundraising during Ramadan and at the end of the fiscal year proved challenging – after discussion agreed to move the fundraising timeframe to the Fall. Two donors have donated stocks and USHS is in the process of setting up an e-Trade account to accept the donations. We need a policy for the sale of stock donations.

John Laird asked for the board members' support in development, and members were asked specifically to research leads on grants and foundations by looking at donors to like-minded organizations.

8. Robert Jaffe is taking a three-month leave of absence from board attendance.