

RFS Board of Directors Mtg 10.21.19

Present: Daksha Baumann, facilitator; Lisa Mazzarelli; Ralph Chapman; Kathleen Caldwell; Karen Adamo; David Zachow; Gary Vencill, recorder

Daksha shared a plate of locally grown kiwis.

Minutes of the September meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Adamo, treasurer, reports \$12,502.98 on hand, though our funds are presently commingled with CCC funds and our balance may be a bit higher. The report takes into account the previous payment to the painter of \$1,950. During the meeting the painter arrived and presented a bill for \$1,200.

There was discussion of the \$2,500 still in the Greenhouse project account which is separate from the amount reported above.

Discussion of the board's fiscal responsibility for CCC grants. CCC received \$4,050 from MCF that cannot be expended for other purposes and which must be spent within the year. Karen has a copy of the contractual agreement with MCF. From grants and monies from cosponsors, CCC has \$4,460.70 left.

It was the sense of the meeting that there is a need to clarify the ongoing relationship between RFS and CAN. We need a Spin-off policy. We don't have the staff to carry new organizations. Need clarity about what it means to just be a sponsor. Perhaps we need a bd. liaison to new groups like CAN. The board requests that someone from the Climate Action Net come to the next bd. mtg. to make a report - including a finance report. This conversation took place within the context of our affirmation of and delight with the formation of CAN and of the work done and the future work proposed by the group.

Program Team Report: Discussion was focused on the implications of art donations – the Rickert painting, the Melody Kane-Lewis pot, and the painting by Kodjo Bance. If there is art on permanent display, the building must be permanently secured. Question was raised of whether art is covered by our insurance. The answer is yes if the building is secured.

Building Team Report: Jerry Gray's workers are expected this week to install the sink in the galley kitchen. In the fulsome report of much work completed from

Daksha and David, Daksha informs us that though the snow posts are in, it is not going to snow this winter. You heard it here first.

Steeple Committee Report: Bob Poole expects work to begin soon.

Annual Appeal: Appeal letters [innovative and beautiful] on schedule and going out very soon. It is estimated that \$11,000 will be needed to finish the bathroom/kitchen work. Whatever is raised above that amount can go into the steeple fund. Ralph reports that the “Steeple Fund Grant” is separating from MCF, and, having recently reviewed steeple fund grants, we are, once again, out of sync with their protocols.

Gallery Within: Planning Anna Trowbridge Advent Calendar exhibit.

Board Recruitment: Dee Powell has been out of town.

Secretary: Elected in her absence, Lisa has graciously agreed to take on the secretarial responsibility. Discussion of the secretary’s responsibilities led to the reminder that we have 3 annual deadlines to meet to maintain our 501©3 status. Ralph has pulled together our previous reports except for the latest which Karen and Doug have just sent. A need was expressed to transfer responsibility for meeting these report deadlines with required information from Doug to Karen and Lisa.

Also, we should have our corporate records, incorporation papers, and by-laws on the website.

The board expressed its appreciation for Anne’s work as secretary to the board. I don’t remember that a decision was made about how to communicate our thanks to Anne.

Kathleen submitted 5 volunteer hours, Lisa 8, and Daksha 41.75.

Next meeting is Monday Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.

Facilitator: Gary; Recorder: Martha

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Vencill, recorder