

WPWA board meeting minutes 8/16/18

Attendees: Alan Desbonnet, Brenda Rashleigh, Chris Fox, Donna Walsh, Ian Willets, Tom Ferrio, John Waldstein.
Joe MacAndrew

Call to order 6:06 pm.

1. Minutes from June 21 approved - Tom made motion, Donna 2nd, all in favor.
2. Alan followed up with Robert Saglio, who will set something up with organization in Watch Hill for Chris to make a presentation.
3. Possible change in meeting night to accommodate conflicts , Alan will send out Doodle poll to assess options.
4. Tom discussed budget:
 - 2017 990 form was sent to board on 8/7, board has reviewed, Alan moved to approve it, Brenda 2nd, all in favor.
 - renewals lagging from last year, there was a slight delay in renewal reminder, should go out next week.
 - we received a substantial gift in the first half of the year but running below in this category now, need to keep pushing on this.
- Alan made motion to authorize \$25K transfer from investments to checking, as deemed necessary by the Treasurer and Executive Director, Donna 2nd, all in favor.
5. Executive Director Report - we are receiving an EPA award on 9/12 in Boston, Brenda will join Chris at this event. There is a possible legal issue with membership in the Rivers Council, Chris will raise it at their next meeting, we should know more by November following a Rivers Council inquiry.
6. Business memberships - Mia's in Pawcatuck is the latest business to join, and Mia will facilitate having Chris talk to the Westerly Downtown Business Association in October. Alan is following up with Flipside who responded to an initial email of interest, but no meeting is yet set.
7. Brenda committed to take action on the Water Quality Committee, with a team of Elise, Matt, Brett Still, Steve McCandless. Alan will check if Linda Green is available.
8. Donna- the Education Task Force met, Notes were circulated, they are working on the job description for Denise's replacement. Position will combine education that Dennis does now (15-20 hours) with Stewardship for WS (20-25 hours), and also outreach and marketing. Denise leaves end of Dec, would like overlap with new person. Task Force should have complete job description after their meeting next week. We will receive \$50k from WS in 2019, more after that if successful but would need \$25K bridge if we hire new person before Denise leaves. We will approach this assuming WS success. Alan will check with RI Foundation about bridge funding.
9. Donna noted that photographer Tom Tetzler offered to give a series of classes and donate whatever is charged- board agreed this would be great, on whatever time frame works for Tom.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm.