

September 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Approved - 11/23/2019)

10am

Location:

Prison Law Office (Alison Hardy's office):
1917 Fifth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

Check-in

Board Members present: Lori Randlett, Alison Hardy, Katie-Rose Breslin, Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch

Non-board members present: Lisa Angelot, Lisa Zeiler, Claudia Vierra

Interested Party Count:

Interested: 2

Non-interested: 2 (plus Jay, who is not present)

Board Recruitment:

We discussed continuing to use John's board application--KR will adapt the old board application to our current needs.

Margaret will be spearheading recruitment, KR will work with her. We don't have John's list of who was interested in joining the board. Margaret is trying to recreate the list using a our facebook page to ask people to contact her if they were talking to John about joining the board.

Jen Corn (principal of a public school for many years) has volunteered to be a resource to the board and Lisa regarding leadership.

Regarding the July minutes: John talked to Deb Stahlings at Horizons. Horizons included CIU as an option for donor-advised funds. John was going to talk to Dan and Dave. Horizons has a grant for operational expenses and was going to be working on that grant proposal to Horizons.

Change Circle report-back from Lisa Z: The meeting was productive. Several committees are meeting before the next change circle session. Several people signed up to work on fundraising and scholarship process.

Approval of the minutes:

Alison moves to approve the June minutes

KR seconds

Approved unanimously

KR moves to approve the July minutes

Alison seconds

Approved unanimously

General Overview

By the numbers (Lisa A and Lori):

Number of campers: 82 family units (compared to 83 last year)--not an accurate people count, but comparable to last year in terms of family units

1st half: 163 campers (100 adults, 7 teens, 36 school-age, 20 pre-schoolers)

2nd half: 141 campers

(Doesn't mean they were there for the entire hal)

Ongoing Costs:

Van costs us about 375 per month in insurance

Can we change the insurance to non-operational? Lori will check.

Final check to Jill Rose is due January 31, 2020.

Fundraising:

Alison would like to send out reminders to people about their pledges.

Lori will check who has sent us their pledges on Paypal so that we can plan thank-you notes and send pledge reminders. Lori is sending full 2019 list of donors to Alison.

Executive Director Report:

Lisa would like to start planning another event with OFC.

Lisa will call the New Parkway, maybe December 8th, which is John Dalal's birthday.

Winter Camp:

One reason to keep doing it is to keep building our community--it's closer than camp, a shorter time commitment. Would be nice to gather our community again in a campy way.

Reasons not to do it: Cooking, weather, traffic. (It took us nine hours to get back home last time.)

Could we do a camp closer to home where weather and traffic will be less of an issue?

If we don't do Winter Camp, maybe we can reserve a camp site in Tilden or Redwood Regional for a weekend or one-night camping trip in the Spring.

We need to change the camp dates on our website for next year. Exact dates TBD.

Mark and Lisa started conversations about camp for next year. We will start thinking about our budget in October so that we can pass it in January.

Things to consider: doing a 7-day camp next year to cut some of our costs to CIC.

We are reluctant to cut a day of training--we used it this past year.

Cutting a day of camp cuts a day of revenue, but we will still look into that.

Anya sent Lisa many photos from camp 2019. Lisa would like help going through them and putting new ones up on our website. Claudia volunteered to go through the photos.

Small Change Foundation declined our application although they seriously considered it--they're looking for more political groups. In the future, they're going to change their applications to invitation-only.

Celebration of life for John Dalal: October 6

12:30 Adjourn – Next meeting: October 13, 2019