

Louisiana Peace Corps Association

2012 Board Meeting #1 Notes

January 10, 2011
@ The Columns Hotel (3811 St. Charles Ave., NOLA)

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Intro/welcome from the LPCA President, Shannon French. Stated the desire to reach across the state to our fellow LPCA members outside of NOLA and is looking for ideas on how to engage them.

I. Committee reports/upcoming plans

A. Service VP

1. This early in the year there are no projects specifically planned; however, the plan for the year encompasses the following:
 - a. 6 major service events (not including the Rebuilding Together project), 3 outside of NOLA, 1 cleaning up graveyards in St. Bernard Parish, another coordinating with the Baton Rouge Liaison, one working with Second Harvest Food Bank (perhaps in February).
 - b. Looking to do an event every other month.
 - c. We will also be working with the Mayor's Office (city-wide)
 - d. We also discussed the wetlands rebuilding project (replanting marsh grasses/trees)

B. Social VP

1. Ethnic dinners:
 - a. Barbara and Linda handled the dinners last year. Ryan will send Shannon and the Social VP their email addresses.
 - b. Green Drinks happy hours- we want to reassess our participation in these events.
 - c. Discussed various ideas for social activities of the year, including the idea of combining a service

project with a social even (i.e. doing a crawfish boil the afternoon after a service project).

C. Treasurer

1. Working on getting issues smoothed out with the bank. Matt will be going to the bank tomorrow.
2. The Financial Report was sent the past and current LPCA Presidents and past Treasurer.
3. The Financial statement will be sent to HQ by the end of January.
4. The current account balance is around \$1,200.00.

D. Grant

1. Ryan will be meeting with Mike about the Grant. No true application was turned in last year. No fundraiser was held last year. The Grant was tabled until this year.
2. Mike will send the grant language to everyone for comments/improvements.

E. Website

1. The website will have links to the newsletter (including archives).
2. Ashley will meet with John (former Website Coordinator) to finish the transition.
3. Vote was held: the Board unanimously voted in favor of spending whatever nominal fee, if necessary, to overhaul the website.

F. Newsletter

1. We are still looking for a newsletter coordinator.
2. Shannon's wife was suggested, and Ashley can assist.
3. Please contact Shannon or any other Board member if interested in volunteering with the newsletter.

G. Global Teach Net/3rd Goal

1. Schools/teacher coordination has been successful in the past.
2. Talking with Rotary Clubs/Universities. Peace Corps Week at Tulane is coming up.
3. Ryan will email Melanie the new recruiter's information.
4. Discussed creating a 3rd goal database.

5. A survey may be sent out via email or the newsletter to get a better idea of what LPCA members want.
6. Discussed mixers and potential panels.

H. MI Coordinator

1. We need to reach out to Tulane. Mirenda is the Coordinator.
2. Ryan will find out who the MI Coordinator is this year at Tulane.

I. Membership

1. Board discussed reinstating the membership fees (\$15). Vote was held, and unanimously agreed to reinstate the dues for this year.
2. Discussed setting up a system on our website that can collect the dues.
3. All agreed to give a Peace Corps calendar to all who pay their dues, as an incentive.
4. Matt will send a blub to Mike for the email blast about the dues and the calendar.
5. Send checks to Matt.

II. Old Business

A. Engaging with Orpheus for the 2012 parade

1. Shannon has a contact with Orpheus. Ryan will send the contact info he has to Shannon; Shannon will make contact with the Orpheus Secretary.

B. Merchandise

1. Calendars are for sale for \$10 each. Email Shannon to purchase. Coordinating with our MU Coordinator will most likely help in selling our calendars.
2. T-shirts: 16 gray left, 3 navy. Cost = \$15. Email Ryan if you want one.

III. New Business

A. Please put the following Board meeting dates on your calendars:

- a. April 10th (Tuesday)
- b. July 10th (Tuesday)
- c. October 9th (Tuesday)

B. Tabled the idea of a permanent office space until next meeting.

IV. Adjourned at 9pm

Attendees:

Shannon French,

Ryan Mast

Bruce Ingber

Melanie Boulet

Ashley Gerfin

Matthew Riccard

Allison Davis