

Portal Rescue Inc., Board Meeting: Minutes, February 16, 2011

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by VP/Treasurer Rick Beno. Attending were all board members except Bill Wilbur (injured) and Cheri Greenwade. Area residents Barbara Miller and Bob Walton were also present, as were Boris, Yana and Sharon Karp, who came to make a presentation.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was decided to reverse the order of items under Old Business. Susanne moved acceptance of that altered agenda, Dinah seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Acceptance/Correction of Minutes for January 19, 2011

The minutes were accepted without modification (Jackie moved, Dinah seconded, unanimous).

4.0 Reports

4.1 President's report (Rick Beno)

Rick introduced Yana Karp (San Simon School system) and Boris Karp (Apache School) for their presentation. As a 4-H community service project benefitting Portal Rescue, the two students organized and implemented a Walkathon event on January 22, 2011. Donations were solicited from Portal and nearby communities, and on the cold morning, 22 participants walked the approximately 2.5 mile round-trip between the Portal Ranger station and Sunny Flat Campground. Water and a hotdog lunch, as well as cookies and cupcakes, were provided by the two students. Donations from the Portal-Rodeo area, Animas, Lordsburg, and Silver City totaled \$1,560 (net proceeds), and Western Bank of Lordsburg was a particularly generous donor. In addition to proudly presenting their contribution to Portal Rescue, Yana and Boris reported that they had not only learned organizational skills but also gained an appreciation for the generosity of people, even in the 'down' economy. Supplementing the large check, Yana and Boris also donated four cases of water to our organization. Rick and other board members congratulated the two enterprising students on their initiative and great success. Their substantial check to our organization brought contributions from fundraisers to more than we had anticipated for the year (see below), and we applaud their motivation to contribute to the community, even at their young ages. They are model citizens and set a great example for the rest of us.

Rick also expressed the Board's great thanks to JoAnn Julian and all who assisted with the recent Soup Kitchen fundraiser. On this, JoAnn's ninth year (!!), the Soup Kitchen and associated events (raffle, sales of phone books, cook books and plants) set a new fund-raising record (see below). Thanks also go to Sheila Clark, who donated her time for an 'extreme clean-up' prior to the Soup Kitchen. Rick will send her a donation receipt for that work

Finally, Rick showed a brief video depicting symptoms of a real-life TIA (transient ischemic attack, or ministroke).

4.1 Treasurer (Rick Beno)

Rick announced that we had already exceeded the previously agreed upon goal for contributions from fund-raising in 2011. In addition to the \$1,560 from the Walkathon, proceeds from the Soup Kitchen and associated raffle, sales, and donations totaled a record \$8,777.97. Of this amount, \$4,264 came from the raffle. JoAnn and Doug Julian donated all supplies purchased for the event.

With respect to other income, we have received a \$900 check reimbursing us from one of the fire grants, and another such reimbursement of \$2,400, from a second grant, is coming soon. This closes out the 2009 grant reimbursements that we had anticipated receiving last year.

Donations are trickling in at a lower rate than in previous years; some folks who normally gave earlier may be waiting for the 2011 donation drive.

We earned \$52 in interest in January, and \$63 in rent.

Included among expenditures were those for office expenses (mainly the newsletter), EMS supplies, vehicle operations, training (Bob Walton at a controlled burn) and the first insurance payment. Altogether, and not counting today's contributions from fundraisers, we have \$111,130.73 on hand, with \$48,033.46 in checking and \$62,904.59 in the Rainy Day Fund.

4.3 EMS Chief (Jackie Lewis)

Six EMTs attended the monthly meeting in January. Five of these, joined by three fire-fighters, continued on to the Walkathon.

Some supplies have been purchased.

Trauma day at Portal will not cost us anything.

Jackie is investigating the possibility of local citizens obtaining Lifeline subscriptions to defray unreimbursed costs of helicopter transport, though helicopters dispatched here are not always from Lifeline, and the service may not be available in SE Arizona. She will keep us posted.

4.4 Fire Chief (David Newton)

David reports no operations during the prior month.

The FCC accepted our application for a license.

A check for \$2400 should come in next week and close out reimbursement from the 2009 RFA grant.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Classroom use

Those renting the classroom for events not open to the community must now send both the rental payment and a second \$50 check as a cleaning deposit. The latter would be retained by us only if post-event cleaning proved inadequate, or returned and marked void if the classroom is clean. Susanne will forward an electronic copy of the rental agreement with those specifications to Barb Miller, so that she may forward the document to potential renters. Barb will also check the condition of the classroom after use and assess whether cleaning has been adequate. Rick moved that the cleaning deposit be reduced to \$30, the amount we pay for cleaning, but he withdrew the motion when subsequent discussion indicated lack of support.

The cleaning requirements have been conveyed to SewWhat, as they apply after forums and other SW events.

Rick reiterated that a new lock has been placed on the classroom door, and that a key has been placed in a lock box. Those requiring legitimate entrance to the classroom should contact Barb for combination to the lock box.

5.2 Final acceptance of budget

The new budget will be presented at the community meeting next month. Rick proposed increasing anticipated revenues from fundraisers by \$3,000, in view of recent successes of the Walkathon and Soup Kitchen. This would reduce the Rainy Day draw (see last month's minutes) to \$5,100. No board member had any additional changes to propose. Susanne moved to accept the budget with only the aforementioned changes, David Newton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Next year's budget list \$50,050 in expenses.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Nomination

On the advice of Delaine Blondeau, Jeanne Williams and Bob Morse, Bob Squier has been nominated for inclusion on the PR Wall of Fame plaque, and Jackie will present that nomination at the annual meeting. Susanne will take the plaque in to have it engraved at the trophy shop in Douglas.

6.2 Board candidates

Pat Crowley Mauzy has agreed to be nominated for the Board, but not as secretary or treasurer.

The Board currently consists of four community members and five active members, and it is uncharacteristically large for the size of our organization. In part, this explains our difficulty in recruiting new board members. A change in the By-laws would be required to alter the size of the

Board and the required quorum. The proposal is to set membership at three community members and four active members, and to revise the quorum from six to five members, if a nine-member board cannot be constituted. With the required notice to the community, this change would need to be voted on by the Board at an Emergency meeting at least two weeks before next month's community meeting in order to be placed on the agenda for the Community Meeting (March 16th). Appropriate notice will go out to the community to announce an extraordinary meeting of the Board on March 2, at 6 PM. Phrased as a motion by Susanne, and seconded by Dinah, this proposal passed unanimously.

7.0 Addenda (none)

8.0 For the Good of the Order

Susanne reminded us of the community health event to be held at Portal Rescue on the morning of March 26. CCC will be taught as the preferred alternative to CPR, and lunch will be served afterwards. There will also be a session on stroke awareness.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Dinah moved to adjourn, Susanne seconded, and the decision to adjourn passed unanimously at 7:27 pm.