

Meeting Notes from NROC Meeting on April 19th 2018 at PPA Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Members Present: Richard Adams, Brendan Lafranchi, Andy Michel (left early), Meredith Poppele, Lydia McAnerney, Johnathan Schuster, Claire Haskell (arrived later)

Website:

- Andy provided history on the website referencing his document from a previous meeting. Andy mentioned he is willing to move hosting anywhere, and that there should be an ease of use update coming in a short time so delaying the issue might be a good idea
- Discussion around issues with Dreamhost occurred, but variety of issues were mentioned with that provider
- Some discussion was included about free for non-profit sites and pros/cons of other site hosting
- Andy left the meeting at this point
- Johnathan made the recommendation that we look at the new item that we should fix the user interface so tabling the discussion monthly.
- Johnathan to research WIX, Dreamhost, Wordpress & Google Sites
- Rest of Discussion tabled for Next Meeting

Hodges Bend Event:

- Claire joined the Meeting
- Event was a major success with 70+ individuals attending
- Topic came up about an individual walking out on their bill; Lydia will send out an email to the e-list clarifying that the whole event wasn't hosted
- Richard recommends we pass the hat around to make them whole if no one steps up.

Ice Cream Social:

- Richard mentioned we need volunteers for the event.
- Recommendation was made about using Surly Gives a Damn, but discussing a cap of number we need. Lydia to follow up with Jessica concerning the number of volunteers we need. Claire to contact Surly once Lydia meets with Jessica to firm up volunteer needs
- Discussion brought up the potential usage of the high school students to help staff the event. Richard to reach out to South about potential student volunteers

Welcome Card:

- Lydia reported on the Welcome Card from last nights meeting with a sample that was provided to the group.
- This card will be handed out and not mailed, with a target of mid-July

- Discussion centered about value of having a tangible item on heavier stock that lends to keeping it more than items of lighter weight
- Lydia to take a picture of the current version and send it around

Nominations for the Board of Directors:

- Committee is tasked with finding nominations for the board, with 7 open positions that are coming up for election. We are looking to get 20 people to run for the open seats.
- Discussion centered around how to get more people to run for election such as posting it earlier so that more individuals with this meeting to repost the advertisement asking for people to run.
- Encourage word of mouth
- Brendan brought up making sure that requirements of the position is part of the “ad”
- Richard to create the email and send to Jessica for distribution and Claire to make “insta”friendly

Absentee Ballot Process:

- Tabling since Serafina not present to discuss

Minneapolis Foundation Proposal:

- Tabling since Serafina not present to discuss

Hodges Bend AAR:

- Next time we should make sure to have a sign in sheet, include the PPA popup banner
- While Hodges Bend is lovely, it wasn't as conducive to a large mixer as potential other sites (such as Art and Architecture)
- Surly upstairs room was mentioned as a potential spot since they hosted for non-profits before
- Make sure to communicate what the event includes

Next Meeting:

- May 17th at 6PM is confirmed