

OALPRP Board of Directors & Full Membership Meeting

Location: Shawshank Woodshop Museum, Upper Sandusky

October 22, 2015

Board Members Present:

President: Lisa Beursken; Vice President: Kathleen Rocco; Secretary: Amanda Gamby; Treasurer: Cindy Bach; Board Members: Steve Schlather; Sue Bennett; Chris Hoffman; Wanda Schaad; Angela Carbetta; Jennifer Calvert; Krista Fourman; Kris Kusmirek; Susan Helterbran

Excused: Louann Holmes

A complete list of attendees has been filed with the Secretary records.

Board meeting called to order at 1:45pm by Lisa Beursken.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the September Meeting were emailed to Board Members prior to today's meeting and distributed to all in attendance. Motion to accept the Minutes by Steve. Second by Kathleen. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed by Cindy. She explained to the membership that the Partners Conference made a profit. This money was distributed evenly between the three organizations. The only expenses since the last Board Meeting were for today's event. Motion to accept the report by Krista. Second by Steve. Motion Passed.

Conference Committee: Cindy announced that next year's OALPRP conference will be held in Athens, OH in June 2016, at the Ohio University. Rural Action will be the host. The first Conference Committee meeting will be held on December 11th in Athens. Lisa explained that the Partners Conference is planned for every other year. During the "off" years, each of the organizations (OALPRP, SWANA, & AOR) intends to host events separately. The plan is to join together again in 2017.

Finance Committee: Chris reported that the Treasurer's records were recently audited and are in order.

Membership Committee: Angela introduced Emily Ollervides from the Eco-Center who plans to become an OALPRP member. She encouraged those in attendance to encourage local contacts to become involved as well. She also reiterated the need for zero waste events and a desire to have OALPRP guidelines pertaining to this.

Nomination Committee: Susan reminded the group that all Officer positions and four (4) Board Member positions are up for election. Those interested in running for election/re-election need to complete the appropriate paperwork, which is due October 31st. Louann Holmes has indicated that she will not be running again. Ballots will be emailed to voting members in November.

Scholarship Committee: Steve mentioned that the Della Ewalt Scholarship has not been applied for/used this year. This scholarship is available to OALPRP members only. Members may apply for up to

\$500 to be used for training expenses, educational programming in their communities, and the like. Brochures listing complete details are available at today's meeting.

Website Committee: Several updates have been sent for the OALPRP website. Krista is still working with Erie Pro to remedy missing and outdated information.

Division Liaison: Christopher Germain reported that the grant program is still up and running with the Informational Grant Meeting scheduled for October 29th. A webinar is planned for this year as well.

Old Business:

Board Retreat:

The annual Board Retreat details are still being finalized, but it will be held in January in Athens, Ohio.

Membership Survey: Lisa has a Survey Monkey account and will be developing a short five question survey for members to complete.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chris. Second by Steve. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2pm.