

NORVA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, Dec 9, 2008
Aladdin's Rockside Road

Minutes

Attendees: Christy Bartley, Jared Bartley, Annabel Khouri, Mary Lou Haag, Carolyn Myers, Kendra Daniel, Mary, Natalia Elwell, Angela Schluchter, Joe Staviscak

I. NORVA Constitution

- Members approved changes to the NORVA constitution to allow for two co-presidents serving overlapping terms. In the first year of service, the new co-president will serve with and learn from the existing co-president. The bylaw change will be effective March 2009. Christy Bartley will have served one year of the two-year term at that point and a new co-president will be elected.

II. NORVA Fundraiser: Soups of the World

- General feedback is that the event is great, but such an event takes a lot of work. Some lessons learned/things to consider for next time include:
 - i. Need mic and PA system
 - ii. To go containers for leftovers needed (turn crock pots off 1 hour before event end to cool)
 - iii. Fundraising committee needed
 - iv. Live music would be nice to have
 - v. Commitment from sponsors
 - vi. More kitchen help that is staggered throughout event
 - vii. Plan further in advance
 - viii. Better marketing
 - ix. Include membership as part of the ticket
 - x. Price level seemed okay for those who came
 - xi. Soup qty (5 gal) a lot to ask a volunteer to make
 - xii. Not a lot of RPCVs showed up
- NORVA members decided to limit holding a large scale fundraiser to every other year at a more grass roots level. Such an event needs more time to plan and needs the formation and participation of a committee of at least 5 members. The committee should be in place one year before the scheduled event.
- To see pictures of the event go to <http://www.norvaohio.org/soups.htm>

III. Treasurer's Report

- NORVA Soups of the World raised \$1,654
- In 2008 NORVA paid out \$5,700 for PC Partnership, PAGE grant and Sunday meal

IV. Calendars

- Calendars are still on sale. For details, go to www.norvaohio.org

V. Grants

- **PAGE Grant:** (Promoting Active Global Education) Created three years ago as a way for NORVA to support global education in the Cleveland Municipal School District, the PAGE Grants help classroom teachers carry out specific projects that will enhance intercultural understanding. This year's PAGE Grant went to a math teacher at Lincoln West High School, where more than 71% of the student body is bilingual, and many of those newly arrived immigrants. The project, "Exploring Mathematics through World Cultures," has bilingual students preparing and presenting explanations of different mathematical topics. NORVA has provided the funding to purchase the equipment necessary to carry out the project. In keeping with the concept of bilingual education, the students will connect the concepts to their cultural backgrounds and will give Power Point presentation in English and then in their native language. The goals of the project are to increase understanding of the diverse cultures of the student body on the part of students and teachers, to increase students' mastery of mathematical concepts, and to provide further peer tutoring through the taped presentations.
- **PC Partnership:** \$6,000 allotted to give this year; group gave \$2,500 so far. Group agreed that the max amount we will give away annually will be \$4,000.

VI. Membership

- NORVA membership is on a rolling basis. Mary Lou Haag is in charge of membership. Angela set up a Facebook account for NORVA so we can have a directory/roster of current RPCVs in NEO.

Next Meeting

2009 Planning Meeting – if you have an idea for an event, bring details so we can add it to the calendar for 2009!

Tuesday, January 27th, 6:30 pm

Veggie potluck at Angela's house

Address: 750 Prospect Ave (next to Winking Lizard, you can take Euclid Health Line to E. 9th St. stop)