

NORVA Business Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2009

Attendees: Christy, Kendra, Laura, Carolyn, Ron, Cathy, Barb, Joe, Billy, Paula, Angela, Annabel, Jared

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Current balance as of 2/28/09 is \$24,182
 - b. The board decided to set up a debit account for regular expenditures to avoid fees associated with writing checks.
2. 2nd Sunday meal at Lakewood Trinity Lutheran Church.
 - a. NORVA supports a community meal at the church. Our commitment includes:
 - i. \$150/month
 - ii. Volunteer labor
 - b. Average attendance at the meal is 40 people
 - c. There are 3 meals at Trinity: 1st Monday, 2nd Sunday (NORVA sponsored meal), 3rd Saturday– in Lakewood alone there are 18-20 meals provided by various churches
 - d. Monthly fee goes towards utilities during the meal and food. Food from the Cleveland Food Bank is .14 cents/lb. Paula orders meal and picks up the food from the Food Bank as volunteer for NORVA. Cleveland Community Kitchen (E. 152 and Shoreway) is another source for prepared foods.
 - e. Need more volunteers to help out with the setup, cooking, service and cleanup between 2 and 5 pm. Volunteers can come for all or part of the meal. Need about 9 volunteers to make it really work.
 - f. Volunteers from the church are planning to build a community garden at the church and help supply fresh food to the meals.
 - g. Produce giveaway at the church 3 times in the summer – free to those in need.
3. Committee leads for past year per bylaws:
 - a. Membership: Mary Lou – we have rolling membership. Almost all NORVA members need to renew membership.
 - b. Service Projects: Natalie, Carolyn, Maureen
 - c. Community Outreach: Deb DiFranco
 - d. Social Activities: Amy Tomon
 - e. Funding Projects: Mary Lou
 - f. Fundraising: Jared Bartley
4. Committee chairs for 2009-10
 - a. Membership: Mary Lou
 - b. Service Projects: Paula
 - c. Community Outreach/communication: Billy and Jared
 - d. Social Activities: Angela
 - e. Funding Projects: Mary Lou
 - f. Fundraising: Jared
5. Old Business

- a. International Services Center/International Folk Festival: 10 different ethnic groups. NORVA paid for an ad in their program.
 - b. Networking Tools: Facebook (Northern Ohio RPCVs) and Peace Corps Connect (<http://community.peacecorpsconnect.org/group/norva>) offer other ways for people to connect and find out about NORVA
 - c. Soups Fundraiser
 - i. Barb feels strongly that the event was successful for first time event and would like to grow the event. Barb to provide Christy with a write up thanking people for participating and asking for volunteers who want to be on the committee for an upcoming event.
6. New Business
- a. Upcoming events are to be sent out in newsletter and are posted on the NORVA website
 - b. Co-Presidents: Angela Schlucter nominated to serve as Co-President and will serve along with Christy for the next year. In/around March 2010, another Co-President will be chosen and Christy will step down.
 - c. Renewing NPCA membership – NORVA plans to renew our membership with NPCA
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