

NORVA Business Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2009

Attendees: Christy Bartley, Carolyn Meyer, Angela Schlucter, Annabel Khouri, Jared Bartley, Mary Lou Haag, Susan Wuscher

I. NORVA Funds Projects

- a. African Sky: \$500
- b. Peace Corps Partnership Programs: \$1900
- c. Promoting Active Global Education (PAGE) Grant – applications and awards to be made in November

II. African Sky –

- a. Susan Wuscher, an RPCV living in Cuyahoga Falls, introduced a grassroots organization called African Sky founded by Ohio native, Dr. Scott Lacy. He was a PCV in Mali in the mid 90's but after a year was medivac'ed back to D.C. and was unable to return to Mali until he received a Fullbright scholarship. He is now a cultural anthropology professor while also successfully growing African Sky. Their areas of focus are: education, food security, community health, and community arts. African Sky gives seed money for many Peace Corps projects in Mali and there is a solid partnership between the two. To learn more go to <http://africansky.org/>
- b. African Sky will be having a fundraiser on October 23rd. See details on NORVA website.
- c. NORVA agreed to support the organization with \$500 to create a microloan fund.

III. Peace Corps Partnership support

- a. NORVA decided to financially support the following PCPP's. For full project details, go to <https://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.donors.contribute.donatenow> (search for projects by home state = ohio).
 - i. **517-318** Education: A New Hope for the Community, Dominican Republic \$750
 - ii. **517-315** Youth Conference, Dominican Republic \$200
 - iii. **688-302** Village Maternity, Mali \$750
 - iv. **685-125** Computers for Girls' Education, Senegal \$200
 - v. NORVA may also fund a project in South Africa that an Ohio native is part of. Amount TBD.

IV. Upcoming Events

- a. NORVA Ethnic dinner: Thursday, 9/17, 6:30 pm at House of Hunan, 12 E Exchange St, Akron
- b. Second Sunday Meal – Sunday, 9/13, 2-5 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood
- c. Community event – Annual African Sky Benefit, October 23rd, 6:30 pm, St. George Fellowship Center, 3204 Ridgewood Rd, Akron, \$25/person includes live music, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and silent auction