

Minutes

NORVA Business Meeting

February 18, 2010

6:00 PM

Christy and Jared Bartley's House – 6923 Indiana Ave., Cleveland, OH

Present: Angela Lowery, Michelle McCullough, Jared Bartley, Christy Bartley, Barb Ferris, Paula Maeder Connor, Carolyn Myers

- I. Nomination Party to be held Tuesday, March 16, 6:00-8:30 PM at CWRU
 - a. NORVA creates the invitation, and then the Peace Corps recruiter sends the invitation to current nominees and invitees and their families (since PC can't give out their contact info). NORVA will obtain contact information from participants at the event. Jared will create the invitation and send it to the Peace Corps recruiter.
 - b. It was decided that it is not necessary to select a theme for the event.
 - c. Peace Corps will be holding an information and recruiting session at the same time across the hall from the nomination party.
 - d. NORVA will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres. Jared moved to spend up to \$250 on food for the event. Seconded by Paula. The motion carried unanimously. Angela will order and arrange for the pickup/delivery of ethnic food.
- II. Social Events
 - a. Currently no Social Chair – Angela previously served in this position
 - b. Ethnic Dinners and Happy Hours for the next couple months
 - i. February: 2/25, 5:30–7:00PM – Happy Hour at Whitey's in Independence
 - ii. March: Cleveland International Film Festival (3/18-3/28). Christy will select a film of interest to attend as a group. Will be selected in time to publicize at 3/16 nomination party.
 - iii. April: Michelle will select a date and a restaurant for an Ethnic Dinner. Will be selected in time to publicize at 3/16 nomination party.
 - c. The idea of a quarterly movie club was discussed (since a movie club would not require preparation in advance like a book club would). The Cleveland International Film Festival event could be a kickoff for this.
- III. Service Events
 - a. Second Sunday Meal and Community Garden at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lakewood
 - i. Barb and Paula reported that NORVA has now been hosting the Second Sunday meal for four years, and that the meals at Trinity are highly regarded for the quality of both the food and the service.
 - ii. There has been an increase in attendees – up to 70 on February 14. The meal averaged 35-40 attendees the first few years.
 - iii. A meeting of the planning committee for the community garden was held on 2/16. Raised beds will be added this year. A need was identified for benches, trellises and picnic tables. NORVA may be approached for funding for these items (as it was for the garden's shed

in 2009). It was determined that any such request should be in the form of a one page summary accompanied by a budget. Christy provided the contact info for the person who built the shed to Paula. The next planning meeting for the garden is scheduled for 3/9.

- iv. A seed exchange is being planned. A \$3-5 admission charge is anticipated.
- b. MedWish: Michelle found out about the group at a recent fundraiser. They collect donated unused/reusable medical supplies and redistribute them to developing countries. Michelle will contact them and attempt to set a date for a NORVA service project.
- c. Esperanza: Carolyn reported that RPCV Katie Morris needs volunteer tutors for the Esperanza after-school program at Lois Munoz Marin Middle School on Cleveland's Near-West Side. The program runs Monday-Thursday, 2:30-4:00PM.

IV. Fundraising

- a. Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach is holding a fundraiser on 3/20 from 6:30-10:00PM at Local Girl Gallery in Lakewood. Admission is \$5. They are seeking donations of artwork, wine and top shelf liquor.
- b. Soups of the World Fundraiser
 - i. Paula moved to hold the Soups of the World (SOTW) fundraiser in 2010. Seconded by Jared. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.
 - ii. Thursday, November 4th was selected as the date for SOTW II.
 - iii. Barb and Michelle will co-chair the SOTW committee. Paula, Christy and Angela also volunteered to serve on the committee. The first committee meeting will be held 3/19 at 5:30PM at Christy and Jared Bartley's House (6923 Indiana Ave., Cleveland).
- c. Marathon Fundraiser: Joe Staviscak has offered to coordinate NORVA's involvement again this year.
- d. Air Show: It was decided that NORVA should inquire about being involved again. Jared will call the Air Show.

- V. Regular Business Meeting dates: Angela will set up an online scheduling survey through 'Doodle' to determine what dates will work best over the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Prepared by Jared Bartley, Secretary.