

RIEEA Board Meeting

November 7, 2016

Board Members Present: Molly Allard, April Alix, Jim Murphy, Elisabeth Bux, Sam Polon, Kelly Shea, Andrea Stein, Rachel Holbert, Paul Dolan, Denise Poyer, Lauren Parmelee, Bridgette Kubis Prescott, Reada Evans, Samantha Polon, Emily George

Other Participants: Jeanine Silversmith, Shareen Knowlton

Location: Rodger Williams Park, Zoo, Providence, RI

Approval of September and October Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Bridget):

- Currently \$9026.37 in account
- revenue this past month- \$100
- expenses this past month- \$884.25 (PD scholarships, ELP Coordinator, Storage Unit, NAAEE dues)
- Once we take out this month's expenses and add in our revenue we will have \$8242.12.

Membership Update (Jeanine)

- 1 new individual membership and 1 organizational membership renewal

Flower Show

- Charlestown Elementary School PTO will purchase the Flower Show elements for \$750. Bridget will meet them tomorrow.
- Anything left that they don't take will go to Jeanine's house or be disposed. The storage unit will be closed as of tomorrow.
- Sam investigated pursuing taking the RI Flower Show to small claims court. It would cost about \$200 to file. Research would need to be done to see what state to file in. Based on the fact that many other groups and companies are owed a significant amount of money it may be unlikely RIEEA would be able to collect any of what is owed. Motion made to stop pursuing any further legal action against the RI Flower Show by Lauren Parmelee, seconded by Shareen Knowlton. Passed unanimously.

EPA Grant

- Jeanine and Elisabeth will be meeting with Groundwork Providence on 11/9/2016 to discuss EPA EE Grant.

PLT Grant

- Will find out in a few weeks if we received the PLT regional grant.
- Whatever we plan to do with PLT through this grant will be beneficial to RIEEA as a whole, as well as our organizations.

NEEA EPA Grant

- Coming to a close
- Still need to invoice NEEEA for final funds
- US Green Building Council – Rhode Island needs to put together stories about effective climate change projects.

ESSA Committee Meetings

- Lauren, Andrea, and Emily have been attending organizational meetings.
- Upcoming community meetings are posted on the RIEEA website. RIEEA board members are encouraged to attend.
- Possible that there is federal funding for EE but each state will need to determine how that will be applied.
- RIDE is developing to see how funding will be applied for RI. (Right now the discussion is on assessment and graduation requirements.)
- If we are networking to get parents and other community members to the meeting, it would be helpful to have some talking points for them to use. We could use the list serv and Facebook posts.

Other Granting Organizations

- Rasmussen Letter of Intent was not accepted. Stated that it does not line up with their goals.
- Pisces call scheduled for 11/9 with Andrea, Bridget, Jeanine, and possibly Kelly.
- Superintendents EE Collaborative Call
 - Formed collaborative to have champions of EE in relationship to ESSA
 - Made connection with a superintendent of Central Falls and Providence
 - Call will be on Wed to get them to join the collaborative and attend an EE session at Superintendents Conference in New Orleans in April
 - Ask them to serve as advocates for EE
 - Need examples of what RIEEA orgs do in Central Falls and Providence

Annual Meeting

- Date: February 28, 2017; 5:30 to 8 pm
- Main event
 - Speaker
- Location possibilities:
 - RIC Student Union, SK Barn, Save the Bay, Botanical Society
- Task list
 - See attached spreadsheet in Dropbox

NEEEA Update

- Conference provided good networking, good speaker and workshop, and a great labyrinth.

- Sam and Rachel want to poll the RIEEA board members to see if NEEEA is still meeting our needs. We will be discussing this at the December meeting.
 - They will send around a list of deliverables NEEEA promised.
 - Will also research what other regional EE organizations provide to their members.

Fundraising

- April will initiate the video for fundraising event. We will keep it open until after the Holidays.

Organizational

- Consensus to move forward on 4 initiatives
- Identified what RIEEA is currently doing
- Looking ahead for 5 years
- Roll out at Annual Meeting
 - Make sure we are gentle with ourselves and be realistic about where we are
- Using Summit suggestions to identify long term outcomes
- Concern was raised that there are still internal organizational gaps.
 - It was suggested that as we go through the process of identifying the external priorities the internal gaps will become evident.
 - We will need to keep in mind basic personnel issues, such as having an employee handbook and descriptions of positions.
 - Internal or operational items may need a separate subcommittee.

Next meeting: December 13, 2016 at Audubon Society of RI, Bristol