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RIEEA Board Meeting

July 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Joshua LaPlante, Kelly Shea, Andrea Stein, Rachel Holbert, Lauren Parmelee, Paul Dolan, Andrea Stein, Emily George, Samantha Polon, Amanda Baez, Molly Allard, April Alix

Other Participants: Jeanine Silversmith, Elisabeth Bux, Krystal Noiseux (RI Resource Recovery), Tracy Hall (Audubon Society of RI), Marisa Desautel (Environmental Lawyer), Gail Ahlers (Empowerment Factory), Wendy Fachon (Net Walking)

Location: Flatbread Pizza Company; Providence, RI

Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved. No discussion

Treasurer's Report (via email)

- Current Balance: \$85,553.05
- Total Expenses: \$6,023.39 (includes contractor payments, PLT expenses, QuickBooks, website work, ECRI dues, PayPal fees)
- Total Income: \$1,862.87 (memberships, PLT sponsorship, PLT registrations)

Membership Update (Jeanine)

- 1 new organizational member: NESS

Vote to Approve Amanda Baez as a RIEEA Board Member: approved unanimously by the board

PLT (Jeanine)

- 9 participants signed up for Early Childhood workshop
- 18 participants signed up for K-8 workshop
- Bartlett Tree Company signed on as our first cooperate sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 toward the workshops

Groundwork RI Grant Update

- July 15th was the deadline; however it is a soft deadline, contact Amanda if you need an extension
- You can apply for multiple opportunities
- Jeanine and Amanda are available for help with proposals
- Empowerment Factory and Greene School have submitted

RI K-12 Environmental Literacy Assessment Project

Initiative 1: EL Leadership & Partnerships (Bridget) & Initiative 2: EL Supporting a Better RI (Molly/Elisabeth) **Update given by Jeanine**

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- RFPs are in for Marketing
 - Choosing Worldways Social Marketing out of Newport
 - They have EE background
 - Offering pro-bono
 - Social Marketing/graphic design for collateral
 - Help with messaging
 - Headed by Mark Marosits
 - Meeting with them next week
- Fall Potluck scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00-8:00
 - Focus: Community Engagement Guidelines for Excellence (NAAEE)
- RI Teacher Fest- RIEEA will have a booth (August 8th & 9th)
 - Looking for people to help “man” the booth
 - Organizational brochures welcome
 - Will be able to talk about survey, initiatives and website

Initiative 3: Striving for Excellence in EE Practice (Kelly)

- Confident in survey designer choice
- Meeting with Susan (designer) on July 18th

Initiative 4: Monitoring the Status of K-12 EL (Josh)

- No new update

Operations Committee (Rachel)

- Jeanine attended a webinar on fundraising/finding grants- she will share out at a later time
- Operations committee met in June
 - Discussed updating the by-laws (Molly is working on this)
- Discussed doing a membership push

Website

- April, Jeanine, Elisabeth & Lisa are working on updates to the website

Advocacy Update

- Work on the national level to continue advocating for EE, NOAA & DEM funding
- Seems to be bipartisan support on keeping funding
- NAAEE is continuing to work on it (not as dire as initially thought)

Diversity Committee (Sam)

- Will be meeting in August/September
 - Sam will be sending out a doodle poll to anyone interested
 - Sam will also be sending out a survey to board members

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 8th at Gulf Stream Bar & Grill