Board Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2010

Meeting started at 5:30
Present: Morna, Chloe, Noah, Beth, Terrie Anne, Arthur, Sasha, Dede came in at 6:10

1. Fundraising Committee Meeting:
   Annual appeal going out at the end of the 22nd, appeal to the tax role people also going out, we made $632 at the Spring Fling and had close to 200 people attend. Other summer residents being approached this summer. Arthur secured funding for another 5 weeks of ESL classes. Keeping up with asking businesses and asking major donors. Any angel donors out there?

   Terrie Anne- Rotary Club meetings-get invited for both Ellsworth and Returned GSE member.

2. HAC/ What type of assistance could they do?

   - Explaining and helping the board understand asset management for affordable housing project, and what exactly is the boards role in asset management.
   - Where could this housing project launch us? Do you have examples of other small non-profits growing b/c of a housing project?
   - What is the board's role in being a liaison to the housing management company?
   - How to deal with community strife in terms of building farmworker housing...after you are already in it for two-three years.
   - Dealing with PR around the housing issues. How do we thank our supporters?
   - Strategic planning work?
   - What is it to be a board member?

   Terrie Anne-Community Mediation Services- Hallowell 800-381-0609 or 207-373-1140. Offer free community mediation services.

3. Financial Update:
   Noah shared a balance sheet and profit and loss for the Jan/Feb. Arthur will take over the oversight of the books and reconcile. Set-up meeting with Arthur, Ian, Noah and Anais to go over QuickBooks and financial systems. Ian will also have a training in QuickBooks and a group.

4. Board recruitment: putting our thinking caps on for the board. Who we need on the board: a new treasurer and someone who has connections to the monied classes. Recruiting clients from the Latino immigrant.

5. Update from ED

   - Housing- Ed Bearor purchased the land on Friday the 5th- I will sign a new PASA with him this week
   - ESL classes and discussion – Migrant Education money being sent through Sumner Adult Ed so we can continue and expand class offerings.
   - After school program on Fridays- Going well, less students than we thought, but good use of peer tutors.
   - Outreach-Edith's list
   - Tax prep- 8 people/families filled this year
   - Annual fundraising grants plan.
   - My last day will be April 2nd.
   - Center for Prevention of Hate Violence – Director Steve Wessler is coming up on Thursday to meet with MeM staff, clients, Lewis Pinkham and H.S. principal about stating work here.

6. Mother's Day event set for May 8th-need to start recruiting students and parents for the show.

7. Didn't get to break-out session for transition committee.

8. Noah made his resignation to board official today. This will be his last meeting, the board sadly accepted his resignation. Arthur will step in as the interim Treasurer until a more permanent person can be found.

9. Next meeting is April 7th at 5:30, May 5th at 5:30 and June 5th, for board orientation and HAC training. 10:30-2:30