Wednesday, April 7, 2010

In attendance:
Morna
Eric
Terrie Anne
Beth
Sasha
Chloe

Hiring Ian:
The board of directors voted to hire Ian Yaffe of Ellsworth, Maine as Executive Director of the organization with all the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities of our previous Executive Director. In addition, Ian Yaffe shall hereby serve as authorized signer for all documents and financial accounts and registered agent of the Corporation. Sasha made the motion and Morna seconded. Motion was approved.

Update from Ian on events:
See the page that Ian submitted.

Housing Project:
Scott Emery has the plans. We are hoping to bids by May 15th and hope to break ground by July. WBRC gives the bids out and will be sealed until opening day. We are going to pick the lowest bidder. All contractors have to be bonded. The bid will be advertised in local newspapers (Bangor Daily News, Ellsworth American, etc) and trade journals. There will be bi-weekly meetings with the architects and monthly meetings will all involved and to do the billing stuff once the project has started.
USDA and MEM will open a joint account and have to sign the checks jointly.
Our funding is on hold and the USDA won't give us any more money until they know that we will come under budget. We have 5K left that will be used to pay for the interests on our loan, etc. There don't seem to be any concerns from the USDA or our architects about going forward with the project. Bob McCurry from the USDA seemed confident that we will be able to get extra funds if needed.
Once all the final changes have been made, we as well as Bob McCurry will need to approve the changes. MeM will be the last say on almost everything and Ian will be around the project a lot when it begins.
What do we want to do for a groundbreaking ceremony? We will want to invite the governor, etc. And to help clear up what has happened over the last year. We want to start planning this at the next board meeting because we might only have two meetings before that ceremony.

Mother's Day Event
We got a $500 grant from the Maine Humanities Council to support the Mother's Day Event.

Nobody came to organize for the Mother's Day Event. But Mirna and her daughters and Sylvia and the people from Gouldsboro want to come but transportation might be an issue. Yesenia is also interested along with kids that she wants to teach.
There is a huge soccer event in New York that day that some of the men are planning on attending.

New Board Member Suggestions
Brittany Raye
Lisa Syzarka
Gail Romeil (UMM)
Janice
Sam Hunkler
Chris Huh
Luis
Olivia
John Slagel
Gerry Metz
Betty Grant

Find out where Dede and Yesenia stand on being current board members.

Of the list, we would like to ask:
Asked first:
Olivia
Gerry Metz

Asked second:
Luis
Janice

Ian will look into midcoast and Portland connections that might have interest in the work that MeM likes to do.

We are going to come up with more names in May.

Financial Updates:
See the submitted page.
There are unclassified parts of our budget that Ian is trying to classify now. The more we can reduce our operations or reclassify them the better. Ian has also updated our budget outline so that it has been broken down into a more simplified and clearly laid out budget. We will be modifying our 2011 budget outline so that it is more clear.

Board Member Meetings:
Set up an individual meeting with Ian to provide him with feedback and to get to know him as our director better.