Mano en Mano Board Meeting

June 5, 2010

Attendees: Sasha Alsop, Olivia Perez, Morna Bell, Beth Russett, Chloe Dowley (recorder of minutes), Terrie Anne Bennett (via Skype), Ian Yaffe.

Apologies: Arthur Emerson, Eric Kelley

Special Guests: Jim Upchurch, Ed Barnett from Housing Assistance Council (HAC)

1. Appoint Olivia Perez to MeM Board – unanimous vote
2. Approve a change in wording to make Ian Yaffe the noncommerical registered agent for MeM – unanimous vote
3. Board approves reimbursement for Ian's trip to HAC convention in April
4. Board agrees to change web hosting setup. Ian will now host MeM's website, which will save us roughly $6/month.
5. Monthly Director's report:
    a. Proposal to Migrant Education was approved, we will be hiring new staff to fill these positions this month. Beth and Terrie Anne expressed interest in supporting Ian in hiring process and program oversight.
    b. Housing – we need a loan to continue with our construction schedule. Board unanimously voted to allow Ian to fill out loan applications from 4 sources. WE will not close on a loan w/out Board authorization. Board discussed the effects that a loan will have on rent structure, expressed concern about tenants being able to afford rents w/out rental assistance. Jim Upchurch clarified that rental assistance eligibility is determined on a yearly basis and that the USDA has been known to change eligibility requirements for tenants if units cannot be filled by the desired population.
6. Upcoming board meetings:

    July 7th at 5:30
    August 4th at 5:30
    September 18th – All day Board retreat