

HI Michigan Council
Monday, June 9, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Sue Trudeau's house

Call to order at 7:15 pm

Present: Norwood Catron, John Prusak, Joan Smykowski, Sue Trudeau, Mike Willihnganz, Matt Ripper.

Absent: Carol Galle, Sally Janecek

Approve minutes of May Board meeting

Reports: Treasurer – Matt Ripper (see attached review of May income/expense)

- Matt went over the May income/expense report and noted that HI-Michigan has received \$3000 from a grant.
- Day hikes are doing great.
- All bills have been paid for the building.
- A paypal account for online registration for Paddle to the Symphony has been opened, however a new checking account needs to be created to be associated with it.
- Norwood moved to open a new checking account for HI-Michigan, Mike seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- There was discussion on transferring CD to take advantage of current bank promotions, which Matt will further research. (Vote: Matt moved, Mike seconded, board approved)

Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Smykowski

- Joan has been working on developing CU.2 Community Walls programs that will be involved with three surrounding metro Detroit museums.
- Joan provided the board with a brief overview with the programs - there is outside interest for videos of it to be presented at the National Museum Conference as a case study of community art programs.
- The Continuation grant has been completed.
- Joan has been working on a grant in support of a new HI position, Girl Scout coordinator. The grant also proposes to create a partnership with a local hostel to increase overnight stay. – The grant is still in progress.

Old Business:

Paddle to the Symphony:

- A press release list has been created and is available. Any promotional suggestions are welcomed.
- Two additional fundraisers for the event were purposed and agreed on by the board:
 - 50/50 auction and/or Nose to Toes Raffle – Matt is to find out if we need a license.
 - Silent Auction of Travel images – Please submit any photos you would like to be considered for the silent auction on the Yahoo Groups site.
 - Sue and Norwood are search out pricing for printing
 - Janel is to find out pricing for matting and framing
 - Markques will research cost of online forum for selling photos via auction format

New Business:

- Janel is doing research on effective online communication tools that encourages board participation and response. Once the tool is established, Janel has offered to hold a communication technology and best practices training.
- The board discussed possible development trainings.
 - Capacity Building Training – Chicago
 - The board moved to fund 2 people to attend the Capacity Building Training with commitment from the people to 1. Serve 1 year on the boards and, 2. Create a presentation of the training they attended upon their return. The board is willing to reimburse \$175/person to attend the event. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Other trainings include relevant trainings at New Enterprise and Work (NEW) Center.
- There was a motion to decrease day hikes. No one was in favor; motion passes for the fee to remain as is.
- Board motioned to require hike leaders to be members of HI in order to be covered under the insurance. Mike seconded it and the board approved unanimously.

Future Business:

- Revamping online communication
- Matt's international wine tasting event (yay!)
- Mike' international event at Cadieux Cafe

Unofficial task force meeting to prepare for Paddle to the Symphony is scheduled for **July 7, 2008 at 6:00** at Bastons in Royal Oak.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.