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NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFLICT RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES.

Present: Melinda Gehris, Mary Sargent, Margaret (Peggy) Brick, Sam Farrington, Charlotte Guyer, Carol Stewart, Alice Scheiberl, Valerie Raudonis, David Osman, Jocelyn King.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM.
- II. Approval of the November 4, 2009 was unanimous with the following change: delete names of potential nominees to the Family Certification Board.
- III. Treasurer's Report: NHCRA realized approximately \$1000.00 from the Fall '09 trainings. Mary discussed the prior use of QuickBooks with the previous treasurer, deciding to try Quicken this year, pending Board approval. Suggested using Quicken online for the following reasons: data is stored on the internet; password protected; determine who has access to the password. There is no added cost when software is purchased to accompany the program. A significant concern is Continuity. Mary was asked to research any associated costs to utilizing this program; Is a backup system available? Anyone with concerns was requested to e-mail Mary. Carol moved: Mary research and if expense does not exceed \$5.00, or if there are any other red flags, she'll e-mail and we can vote. If more complex, it will be discussed at the Feb. meeting. Motion carried.

Mary has filed the 990-N with the IRS. Done November 2009.

IV. Committee Updates:

Education Committee: Follow up of USO originally planned for early spring 2010 will probably not occur until Fall 2010.

Domestic Violence workshop is scheduled for March 3, 2010. Location TBD.

Annual meeting: June 2, 2010; mini conferences: AM: Ethics; Morality and Religion.

Melinda described her meeting with Jane Guliano, a researcher in the morality and religion areas.

Carol had spoken with an improv group; high energy!

Louisa Williams, President of NEACR may possibly be a speaker at the annual meeting.

John Cameron is working on some new material re the Diversity and Gender bias issues.

Further discussion: Possibility of a USO workshop in the North country; possibly Tamworth. Sam mentioned that it might be better attended if held in Plymouth.

The Education Committee is to meet in January. Will report at Feb. meeting.

Membership Committee: Mary confirmed that we now have 72 paid members (up from 35). Sent 99 e-mails via Constant Contact; 1/3 responded; ¼ rejected, i.e. not rec'd or bounced back.

Discussion: Of the 99 outstanding e-mails, Melinda suggested giving 3 or 4 to each board member to follow up, getting accurate names, demographics and unequivocal membership information. It was unanimously agreed to do so. Thus we could narrow the current 2 lists (actual members & undetermined members) quickly and easily.

Sam suggested common talking points to be certain to include when speaking with each of the assigned "callees". David recommended the personal call vs. just an e-mail.

Melinda will send an e-mail with the task list.

Legislative & Nominating Committees: No information presently.

- V. Website: Carol emphasized the need for keeping the website fresh with new information. David's article has been reviewed by editors and is ready for inclusion on the website.

David asked re any method to determine how many "hits"/week the website garners?

Carol spoke of distributing copies of the website for reflection in order to keep fresh ideas flowing; she requested that we send her any suggestions; also on the Feb. agenda.

Other discussion: PayPal to register online for a workshop, albeit not pay with credit card at the workshop; ? approved for January '10 startup.

Welcome letter/packet to go out to new members via Constant Contact.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jocelyn King,  
Secretary  
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