

February 12th Board Meeting Agenda

In Attendance: Bob Flynn; Dave Bagdasarian; Kathy Cotter; Nancy Irving; Brian Murphy; Marc Mutty; Bill Phillips; Ellie Speh
Guest: Bill York

Approval of January Board Minutes

Internal Budget & Attendance Issues: Marc Mutty

- Meal \$ shortfall is a continuing problem.
Suggestions to remedy included raising dues; charging a “room use fee”; building the cost of meals into dues; having a fundraiser that targets raising funds for the internal budget. Marc estimates an additional 2K annually would solve the problem.
- Attendance issues:
Jason Seymour – Bob Flynn & Ellie have spoken with him & he would like to find a way to stay in the club
Kaylene Mitchell – Ellie spoke to her & she has had many work conflicts & her Dad is seriously ill.
- John Hewitt – goes away for the winter
- Allan Hawkins – has been on medical leave. Ellie will check on his status

External Budget: Nancy Irving

- Nancy is suggesting that we might want to start getting checks out for \$ that has been obligated in the budget. She will prepare a list for us of things we’ve targeted in the budget. This will also give us a better idea of what we have remaining this fiscal year.
- Consider setting aside seed \$ for next year’s fundraisers in the budget so they don’t have to start from scratch.

Funding Requests:

1. Stepping Stones (formerly MAPS)

- Concern expressed about “legacy donations”. We were also reminded that although it is true that Sue LoBosco works there, Nancy and Brian also work for very worthy non-profits. They have been reluctant to make a request because of concern for the perception of conflict of interest. Board members encouraged them to ask.
No funds approved for MAPS.

2. ITN Portland.

- \$500 approved (same amount as last year)

3. South Portland High School’s Robotics Team.

- Tabled until we get more info.

4. Hear Me Now

- Debate of policy of limiting our support to organizations serving our communities only. Tabled until we get more info.

5. Shelter Box

- There is a lot of \$ left in our International Budget. When doing the budget, we had suggested Shelter Box; Partners for World Health; Crutches for Africa. We will also get Anamaria's input.
Approved \$1000 to go into their "Greatest Need" designation rather than specifically toward a shelter box.

6. SMCC Maritime History Seminar

- No funding approved for this

Other Business:

Agenda for the March 5th Club Assembly

1. Meal \$ deficit:

- As noted above, we debated a few different scenarios and agreed that a combination of raising the dues to Scott's suggested level of \$162 (also factoring in the rise in our obligation for RI & District dues) and targeting Family Fun Day as a fundraiser for the Internal Budget would net the \$2K shortfall Marc has projected. We also can target future web advertising for this. Scott anticipates an easier sell for web ads based on all the successes we've had this year. Bill Phillips will present this compromise to membership at the Club Assembly March 5th.

2. Fundraising:

- Do we want to continue with the 3 fundraisers in addition to the Tree Lot: Spring Point Classic; WinterFest; Theater Night
Board voted to keep all 3 but to move Theater Night to a spring show. Suggestion to have it be a fundraiser for the Interact Clubs as a way to get the students engaged in selling tickets-something our members do not enjoy doing. Scott (?) will present this at the Club Assembly for member input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Speh

Next Board Meeting: March 5th