

EVI
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007

Present: Ric, Frank, Wes, Linda, Cress, Mary, Angie, Bill Lisa, Angel, Kurt

A. 6:40 p.m. Open with Serenity Prayer

B. Introductions

C. Announcements (none)

D. Old Business:

A. Printer and/or Repair Status: We have a donated printer that is working, however, its intended use does not include large print projects, for example, the newsletter. Regarding continual problems with the printer and budget, several options were discussed: (1) Frank suggested the by-laws have an amendment to have the committees put printing needs in their budget and that we also ask the committees to reduce their budgets by 25%. (2) Mary said she has “gotten friendly” with an employee at Kinko’s who may be able to give us a deal on printing orders. She will check into this. (3) Wes made a motion that was seconded by Cress that we currently print the newsletter on 8.5 x 11 inch paper and staple the pages together. (4) Ric suggested we offer the newsletter on-line. (5) Wes supports the office’s ability to print the newsletter and suggested we check into the option of renting a copier/printer and include that expense in our monthly budget. (6) Bill suggested we have a long term basic printer goal that may include either/or renting, purchasing or using a copy service and making those recommendations to the finance committee. (7) Kurt mentioned that the lease option has been tried before with less than satisfactory results. (8) Frank will research the cost of leasing options. (9) Bill H. also brought up the continuing issue with copies. He suggested we look at the number of copies we make and the possibility of restricting use. (9) Kurt offered that we had past experience with trying to monitor the number of copies made and that proved difficult, at best. (10) Bill’s recommendations for next month was to report back on what we found out and entertain various suggestions. (11) In regards to Frank’s inquiry of how many copies we make a month, Wes will pull the last three years copier/printer expenses.

B. Literature. Cress contacted Rich, we are between Chairs. Cress is still committed to working with literature. Kurt suggested Cress contact Gus (463-1691) as Gus has stats for maintaining literature. We need a literature order for 12 x 12’s. The literature co-chair is missing and we have not had an inventory for one month. Bill will go and pick up whatever

inventory we have an bring to the next business meeting. Linda offered that the receipt manual shows specific items sold. It was decided that Bill will wait for Gus for literature material, we will place 12 x 12 order and that Wes will help Cress. It was further decided to table the rest of the literature discussion until after the meeting, this motion was made and seconded.

C. Outreach Committee. Angel has held eight meetings for outreach. He is going to meetings and talking about outreach. Kurt mentioned that Angel's position rotates out and does he have a co-chair? Bill H. offered that he would like to chair this committee after his chair commitment ends in January, 2008. He will give nomination at next business meeting.

D. Income v. Expenses. (1) We may have broke even for the month of September, but so far information shows we are still in the red. It was discussed what districts to with their money, i.e., workshops, GSR's to Area, subsidies, etc., (2) It was duly noted that the IRS still knows we are alive and functioning.

E. New Business

A. Fundraising or Income Increasing Ideas. Some ideas that were discussed included: (1) Bake sale at the speaker meeting, (2) Open house bake sale at EVI, (3) Unity Day, i.e, bake sale, car wash, potluck, etc. (as Gus for details regarding what Unity Day is) (4) Raising the price of books, to include more than just our cost, with the exception of Big Books, (5) Passing the basket a second time specifically for EVI at meetings, (6) Activities committee to put on fundraiser for EVI before the end of the year.

B. Newsletter. Ric will let Tanya know that the newsletter is to be put on the website.

Wes made a motion to close, Cress seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by your gratefully sober servant in the spirit and love of service, Lisa J.