

March 22, 2006  
HCMN Board Meeting

Present

Jane Crone, Betty Gardner, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Marilyn Murrmann, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley and Amy Sugeno. Otis Fox was a substitute for Susan Longacre.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Stanley at 2:00 PM.

State Policy re Volunteer Hours

There was board discussion re flexibility for volunteer hours if the individual believes what he or she is doing furthers the mission of MN. There are two absolutes: 1. MN's cannot take money for volunteer hours unless it's a minor part of a larger volunteer project or our own fundraiser. 2. MN's cannot double count volunteer hours for another organization that counts hours. It was moved by Sandy and seconded by Betty that if a volunteer wishes to do an activity not currently listed, he or she can follow our procedure of filling out a form and applying through the volunteer coordinator and the board. Motion passed.

YPS Update

Jim sent different scenarios to the state for their response as to whether a contact with a youth was direct or indirect. As of this meeting date there had been no response. This is an issue still in flux and until the state defines its policy, we will do nothing.

Amy- Regional Retreat

Amy attended the regional retreat at Lake Waco Wetlands. She felt it was a good retreat where the chapters could learn from each other and she felt Michelle and Sonny had a good and balanced discussion. A copy of her report will be attached to the minutes.

State Meetings

Bob attended the Volunteer Council Meeting in Killen on March 11, 2006. There are 35 chapters in the state with five more coming soon. He said there was discussion re the roles of the state committee and the volunteer council. He also said there was discussion among the council representatives re whether the council was needed, the pros and cons of applying for 501 c3 status, the need for a strong regional organization and the ability to do projects with other chapters in our region.

Sandy attended the state committee retreat. She said they looked at current structure to determine the direction to go. This included the mission and purpose of the organization, the different roles to be played and whether a volunteer council is needed. A facilitator will make recommendations to the state committee and all the chapters in the form of a proposal that will be sent out to the chapters in April. At the end of May the state committee will have a strategic planning session to formalize the plan.

Booth Help

We need volunteers to help with the booths at RNC April 8, 2006 from 10-3 and on Earth Day April 22, 2006. Priscilla will need 30 people at Earth Day. We will have sign up sheets at our monthly meeting and Ron will send out a request via email.

New Class

Betty reported that things were progressing nicely. She's heard from 10 speakers and the committee is discussing whether or not to have more breaks and thinking of maybe having a class in Fredericksburg. They are still finalizing the field trips and hope to have everything completed by the end of March.

New Class Application

Priscilla has completed the final application. There was discussion as to the wording re screening requirements. Sandy will contact Sonny and let us know.

Jim reported that there were 23 people who attended the LMAP training on 9/21/06.

He also discussed the possibility of having speakers do a series of talks on land management and other topics that could be held at RNC or other places. There will be further discussion at the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn N. Harrison, Chapter Secretary