

VVBW Board Meeting 11/16/09

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM Room 201 CMC

Members present: Marcy Tracy , Dana Bieliunas, Jodi Rife, Corey Campanella, Gretchen Berg, Sue Godec, Jeri Powles, Jamie Meirowsky, Patti Plagens

Review September Meeting Minutes:

Corey would like the minutes to be distributed the Monday after the Board meeting. Change to Sept. minutes- going forward all e-mail communications must be positive in nature. Minutes approved.

Membership Status & Directory Update and Finance update:

We have 48 Gold and 29 Silver members as of 11.16 total of 77 members. Jodi keeps current members-e-mails. She has the master list and can forward it to the appropriate board members, as they need it for board related. Membership addresses can be distributed but not e-mails because of anti-spam. The Membership can copy e-mails from the directory themselves. We are here for the membership to network among themselves Corey also got quotes for liability insurance it is something we will have to Cindy will be getting the proofs out to the membership by the 18 th. and will need them back by 11/30. See Cindy's e-mail.

She will get the directory to the printer so that it will be ready for the December meeting. The photo section will not be separated into Gold and Silver. The Index will have Gold a And silver separated.

Corey also got quotes for general liability and D&O insurance it is something we should have. Discussion followed. See her quote and we will open bidding to our liability insurance members. We will be adding a "hold harmless" into our new by-laws. Perhaps that will save us money in an insurance premium and Patti will run the liability issue by Teddy Ann. We will provide the financials that we have.

Jamie asked for a response to her e-mail of today-

Scholarship and Charity Overview/ Update:

See e-mail that Dana sent. We cannot create scholarship fund-we contribute to education -CMC does the work for us. \$2,800 is what we have to give. Proceeds from this year will go out next year. We want the scholarship funds to be offered both spring and fall semesters. The money must be used by the student for books or tuition or returned. Dana will send a follow up e-mail. Dana and Patti are going to talk about the January scholarship criteria.

We addressed Jamie's request to join the board as member-at large. Dana asked that we meet in closed session- it was decided that Jamie's request be accepted.

#### Program Committee Updates:

Program Committee will be meeting only a few more times.

See e-mails. It was decided that we have a tax panel for the January meeting- Inviting members to be on the panel. Only 3 spotlight speakers on nights we are having a formal program. Feb. will be our progressive/ Social Networking, March women in leadership. April networking and May for Expo.

Newsletter: Will come out the last week of the month. Forms will not be attached. But contact information for forms will be added to the letter.

Gretchen will get criteria for articles and we will have a spotlight member we also need to get more advertisers. The newsletter is a member benefit. Announcements will be limited to about 50 words. We helped Gretchen select the article and the spotlight member.

#### Holiday Event:

Sue asked that we each take a section of the silent auction table and be responsible for monitoring the bidding process, initiate bidding. Bids will begin at half the value.

We can solicit donations if we would like. Sue would like the donations by Dec. 2-get them to Sue. We must remember to let people know that it cannot be considered a charitable donation-see verbiage provided by Patti. We will have a spot on TV8. Goal \$5,000. Toy drive for Bright Future. We will look into saving last minute donations for a raffle at a later date.

#### Outstanding Issue:

Gold membership for the December meeting will follow the spreadsheet.

Silver will decrease following the spreadsheet until April when it stops. We need to put it on the web site.

Finances and insurance will be on the January agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm