

Westmoreland Volunteer Corps Board

Minutes of meeting on January 12, 2014

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Attending: John Graves, (chair), Joe Bush, Beth Ferris, Edrie Hough, Mary Sue Johnson, Susan Langley, Chris Lawrence, Jason Moskowitz, John Pielemeier, Jane Williams (note-taker)

Guests: Gabrielle Gill, Yonce Shelton

John opened the meeting at 8:35 am. and welcomed new members Edrie Hough and John Pielemeier. (The third new member, Robert Mertz, was out of town.) Beth led the opening responsive reading, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, "To everything there is a season. . ."

Old Business

AmeriCorps/CVN: Susan said there are no new items to report.

House: Jason had sent the board a separate e-mail updating everyone about the house.

Finance: Jason had sent the board a January budget report and there were no questions.

Alumni: Eva was not at the meeting to report.

Preparing for recruiting season

Joe said that there are three applications so far for the upcoming Volunteer Corps year and three expressions of interest. The recruitment information is posted online on the AmeriCorps and Catholic Volunteer Network sites. He expects a late flurry of interest and applications as usual, as the February 15 deadline approaches. Joe pointed out there is contradictory information on the VC/VCB site about whether U.S citizenship is required in order to be considered. Mary Sue will check with CVN to see if it is required for its AmeriCorps applicants. It was noted that not all Westmoreland volunteers have to participate in AmeriCorps, but there would be unfortunate and important discrepancies among the volunteers if not all participate. In addition, a more dire result would be the possible loss of one of our five AmeriCorps positions. John P will join Chris, Jane and Joe in reviewing and ranking the applications.

Section B. of John G's "Candidate Recruitment 2014" needs an eighth item that says, "Position descriptions should be forwarded to candidate coordinator and to AmeriCorps program director for review and confirmation of approved language for AmeriCorps positions." For the current recruiting season, that means Jane and Susan, with copies to Mary Sue. The 2014-15 agency placements and the jobs will be basically the same as for this year.

Chris, Beth, John P, Mary Sue and Susan volunteered to host the candidates. Joe and Jane will be back-up hosts. John G offered to transport candidates to/from the airport if hosts are unable to do so. Jane said she can as well.

Winter Retreat

The winter retreat will be Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Pielemeiers' house in Rehobeth Beach. Board members volunteered for meals and other tasks. Beth will circulate an updated sheet, showing the meals, other items, and suggested drivers and riders.

Other

Gabrielle Gill joined the VCB to explain her request for financial support for two sequential online courses from NOVA this spring: Anatomy and Physiology I and II. She explained that, as an undergraduate anthropology major, she did not take these courses, which will be required to enroll in a graduate nursing program, which she hopes to do fall 2014. Gabrielle left the meeting and Board members continued discussing the request. Gabrielle initially approached Pete Davis, chair of the Board of Outreach Ministries, who agreed to fund part of the total request and then referred the matter to John G for the VCB's consideration. The annual VCB budget has a line item for training, generally used for workshops and the like, and often not used at all or used partially. John P. moved, Joe seconded and the board approved that it match the Outreach Ministries' donation (\$700 from each board) to Gabrielle, to cover the first course.

Next Meeting

Feb. 23, 2014

Opening (John G)

Considering candidates 1-5 and considering and ranking candidates 6-10

Joe closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:50.