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SEAPAX Board Meeting Minutes, Sunday, February 24, 2013, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenwood branch Seattle Public Library

In Attendance: Catherine Swanson, Carey Homen, Lori Espe, Lillian Baer, Scott Ramos, Joana Ramos, Shahida Shahrir, Fred Kaplan, Dina Davis. Absent were: Simone LaPray, Aileen Ly

Catherine called the meeting of the Board to order at 1:10.

1. **Membership** issues were discussed, continuing the discussion from the last meeting. A committee was proposed, though not formed, to examine the changes that could be made to make the process of sign up and renewal more automatic and responsive, and reduce errors.

2. **Board Elections** were discussed. Nominations will close Feb 28; voting begins the following Monday, March 4, and will continue until March 22. A final call for nominations will be posted through Facebook and Yahoo Groups. Aileen will prepare the ballot and count the votes.

Lori will make a special appeal for a volunteer to take over the Membership position. Carey will communicate with Jennifer Simon Halai to reach out to book club members for a new coordinator. Several people (Joana, Temma) have volunteered to help but are unable to be the primary contact.

3. **Financial:** Aileen (in absencia), sent an image of the 01/01/13 - 01/31/13 SEAPAX bank statement showing \$7008.07 in savings and \$3778.07 in checking. Moving forward, it was discussed that the treasurer will provide a financial report at each meeting.

Joana needs a SEAPAX Financial Report and an Activities Report to complete documents required by NPCA. The deadline for the best renewal rate is February 29. Joana will contact Aileen to alert her as to this deadline. Previous year Financial Reports may be used as templates and are available on the SEAPAX website under Board / Reports. Shahida will prepare the Activities Report and provide it to Joana.

The renewal fee is based on group size. It was decided that SEAPAX paid membership shall be the basis of our reported group size. Under that criterion SEAPAX is a "small" group.

Catherine and Lillian requested that the treasurer report at each Board meeting funds available and current expenditures.

Scott was directed to add "Member NPCA" to the front page of the website, per NPCA requirements.

4. **Events:** Lillian opened a discussion on whether it was appropriate for SEAPAX to support other non-profit organization's fund raising by promoting member participation and publicizing events. It was agreed that it was within the goals of SEAPAX to do so and that anyone may post events, fundraisers, etc. for non-commercial events on yahogroups, Facebook, etc. Lillian presented a flier on an upcoming YWCA Luncheon. Dina will add the information to the March Newsletter.

Shahida discussed her efforts to reach RPCVs who would be willing to speak to High School students in the One World Now program on March 15 from 3:30 – 5:00. She is still looking for people to participate, those who have served in Chinese and Arabic speaking countries as well as others.

Shahida mentioned the Peace Corps/Vista Career Fair coming up. Dina will put an announcement in the Newsletter.

The Salsa night Shahida organized on Feb. 21 was successful. Five people attended and had a fine time.

5. Joana will check with PauletteThompson and Jennifer Baugh to ask if they wish to continue in their positions as NPCA Liaison and Calendar coordinator, respectively.

6. **Mentoring:** Currently Catherine is the coordinator for PC Mentoring. Lillian volunteered to take over as coordinator.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7 at the Northgate Library. Both old and new Board members and general membership are invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22.

Respectfully submitted

Dina Davis

SEAPAX Secretary