

## FOS Board Meeting Summary - 2/12/2012

FOS Board Members Present for Conference Call: John von Reyn, Scott Lewis, Melissa Horton, Lorraine Stehn, Patty von Reyn

1. **Treasurer's Report and number of Dues Paying Members** – \$3645 currently in the Treasury. *Scott disbursed \$1000 for Young Heroes, \$703.91 for Camp Glows and 307.83 for the Library Project (both PC Partnership Projects).*
2. **Website Update** - *John for Tom Gutnick - As Tom has time, he will be working on the website so that it will be easier to update. He does have time to add a PayPal account to the website which will make it easier for those with PayPal to donate or join FOS. Scott will be exploring the PayPal option with Tom.*
3. **NPCA Reaffiliation Update and NPCA "Annual Gathering"** - *John will be working on the reaffiliation with NPCA. NPCA will be hosting the first Annual Gathering this summer in Minneapolis from June 29 to July 2nd. If Jack is there during this time, maybe he can organize an FOS event? More info is at the following link in case someone else on the Board can attend:*
4. <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/annual-gathering/>
5. **Partnership Project and Young heroes Re-Cap.** *Melissa is in contact with the PCVs whose projects we funded and will forward any pictures/info she receives to post on the FOS Website.*
6. **Fundraising Ideas/Treasury Replenishment** - *Melissa will be drafting a letter that will discuss projects we have funded which we can use in our future fundraising efforts. Possible uses will be to send it out to the general membership and contact "rich benefactors" (e.g. Reed Hastings and Chris Mathews)*
7. **Membership/Raise Awareness of FOS Ideas**
  - a. **Dues Paying Members.** *We will start sending out a "Welcome/Become Involved" letter to our dues paying members, which will include the FOS/US Flags Lapel Pin. Scott will get the membership list from NPCA. We will start listing those RPCVs that have joined FOS or donated to FOS-sponsored projects as "Sponsors" on the FOS Website (verify that they want their name listed).*
  - b. **FOS Database of PCVs.** *Is woefully out of date, most of the emails we have are very dated. Still we do have a list of around 700 volunteers that have served in Swaziland that may be useful.*
  - c. **FOS Participation at Staging Event** - *Scott will check with Patrick McElroy (PC/SD Desk Officer's) on date and location to determine how/if we can participate. Patrick has suggested "next best option would be to make a video on YouTube or similar that serves to introduce FOS to trainees/volunteers. We can link probably that to the PC/Swaziland website so other PCVs can access it. We could possibly add a page with what FOS does, and how it can help, plus contact information for key FOS folks"*
  - d. **Recruit recently returned volunteers** - *Shannon was not able to attend the meeting but forwarded John the following input: "As far as recruiting new members goes, I really think that it would be helpful to have a liaison at the PCO in Swaziland. Through this person, we could get a list of PCV's and their email addresses at their COS conference. I think that most volunteers would be excited to join, especially because we directly fund their PCP projects. In addition, we can make an announcement on the PC Swaz FB page and garner interest there."*
  - e. **Develop poster about FOS and projects** we've funded and send to PC/SD office. - *Patty will develop the poster.*

8. **FOS Social Activity at Swazi Embassy.** - *John will check with Embassy for possible date in May.*
9. **Trip to Swaziland in 2013** maybe in May to coincide with Young Heroes fundraiser - *Patty will gather some info on this.*
10. **Nomination of New Officers.** - *John. Never got around to this. Next time!*
11. **Next Meeting Time:** Sunday April 1 @ 8:00 PM. *Jack may be the States at this time and could participate.*