

FOS Board Meeting Summary - 4/1/2012

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

1. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott unable to make it but forwarded the following info to me: *Current Treasury Balance is: \$3704.27.*
2. **Website Update** - *John for Tom Gutnick* - Paypal now on FOS webpage. - **Thanks Tom and Scott for all your work on this!**
3. **NPCA Group Renewal Update and NPCA "Annual Gathering"** - *John filed the group renewal paperwork with NPCA and the \$25 fee. NPCA Annual Gathering this summer in Minneapolis from June 29 to July 2nd. Currently no board member from FOS plans to attend. Let me know if this changes. Link go info: <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/annual-gathering/>*
4. **Partnership Project and Young heroes Re-Cap.** *Melissa forwarded an email from the PCVs whose projects we funded and will forward any pictures/info she receives to post on the FOS Website.*
5. **Fundraising Ideas/Treasury Replenishment** - *Melissa drafted a letter that discusses FOS and the projects we fund to assist 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). - Thanks, Melissa.*
6. **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). - John is working on a draft of this letter.*
 - b. **FOS Database of PCVs.** *Is woefully out of date, most of the emails we have are very dated.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. - John will forward the list of RPCVs so we can start updating it and will check with NPCA if they have additional current information.*
 - c. **FOS Participation at Staging Event** - *Scott checked 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" - Staging will be in Philadelphia - Patty will work on this and have something in advance of the staging event.*
 - 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.*
- 7. **FOS Social Activity at Swazi Embassy.** - *On hold.*
- 8. **Trip to Swaziland** (possibly to coincide with Young Heroes fundraiser). - No plan to pursue this presently - possibly fo 2014.
- 9. **Nomination of New Officers.** - *On hold till new members on Board.*
- 10. **Next Meeting Time:** Sunday July 1 @ 8:00 PM. *Jack may be the States at this time and could participate.*