

## FOS Board Meeting Summary - 7/8/2012

Attending: John, Patty, Scott. (Melissa and Lorraine had to cancel at the last minute. Jack contacted me later). Did not hear from Terry, Susan, Mark, Shannon or Tom.

1. Treasurer's Report – Scott - \$3766 in the Treasury. Disbursed the \$511 that was received in donations to fund the chaperone for the the Swazi kids visit.
2. Website Update - Paypal now on FOS webpage. *Per Scott, it's working well.*
3. Partnership Project Young heroes Re-Cap. ***Melissa will check for pictures from PCVs and will forward any pictures/info she receives to post on the FOS Website.***
4. Swazi Kids Visiting DC July 21-28 - FOS raised \$511 for this effort. PCV Cameron will be attending with 6 Swazis. Hope to arrange meeting with them when Cameron arrives in U.S.
5. Fundraising Ideas/Treasury Replenishment - Melissa drafted a letter, which Lorraine tweaked 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). - ***Melissa will coordinate sending out letter to potential donors.***
6. Welcome/Become Involved" letter to Dues Paying Members and Donors. ***John drafted letter and will start sending it out, which will include the FOS/US Flags Lapel Pin.***
7. FOS Dues Paying Members - Add to FOS Webpage as Sponsor. We will start listing those RPCVs that have joined FOS or donated to FOS-sponsored projects as "Sponsors" on the FOS Website. ***John will coordinate this.***
8. 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 Is woefully out of date, most of the emails we have are very dated.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 forwarded list of RPCVs to Board members for updating it. We can also arrange with NPCA to share information and access their database info. ***Need volunteer to send out the list with specific instructions/ assignments to all Board members.***
9. FOS Participation at Staging Event - Missed the June Staging. We will get more info on the next one from the Desk Officer Heidi B.) and determine whether we can participate. If not in person, suggestions include, a PowerPoint presentation; make a video on YouTube or similar that serves to introduce FOS to trainees/volunteers; info that links to the PC/Swaziland website and add a page with what FOS does, and how it can help, plus contact information for key FOS folks" - ***Patty will work on this and have something in advance of the next staging event.***
10. Recruit recently returned volunteers - Scott had extensive email contact with Mike Messick, a PCV in Swaziland that has offered to serve as a liaison. He should be able to provide us with names of recent PCVs and RPCVs. Also start posting info about FOS on the PC Swaziland Facebook page - ***Shannon maybe you could do this for us?***
11. 12. Poster about FOS and projects we've funded and send to PC/SD office. - ***Patty will develop the poster.***

13. Meeting with new U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland - in DC. Ambassador approached us for informal dinner meeting in July with approximately 10 DC areas RPCVs. Date now set for Thursday 7/26 at 6:00 PM at Nando's Per Peri in DC (Chinatown). **John will send out email to local RPCVs about event.**

14. Trip to Swaziland (possibly to coincide with Young Heroes fundraiser). - No plan to pursue this presently - possibly fo 2014.

15. Nomination of New Officers. - Need to form nominating committee and elect new officers.

16. Next Meeting Time: Sunday. September 9 @ 8:00 PM. **John will be contacting Board members personally who have not able to attend meetings to determine interest and see if there is a better time for meetings.**