

FOS Board - Summary of 9/16/12 Meeting

FOS held a conference call on 9/16/2011. The following board members were able to participate: John von Reyn, Patty von Reyn, Scott Lewis, Lorraine Stehn, Mark Pierzchala,

1. **Treasurer's Report** – Scott. Total in the account (BBT + Paypal) is \$8025. After check to Young Heroes for \$4275, balance will be about \$3750.
 2. **Website Update** - Need to update front page with new news.
 3. **Meeting with new U.S. Ambassador to Swaziland, Makila James** - A small group of DC area RPCVs met on Thursday 7/26 at 6:00 PM at Nando's Per Peri in DC (Chinatown). Very positive **meeting** - Ambassador James was very interested in what we had done as volunteers and identifying the needs in Swaziland.
 4. **Meeting with Swaziland Country Director, Steve Driehaus**. - Met on Wednesday 9/12 at FireWorks in DC. - 5 RPCVs were able to make it. Once again very positive **meeting**. Steve mentioned that PC Swaziland received a nice endowment for their country fund to help volunteers on special projects, but said that they do contact PC Partnership for larger projects, such as the GLOWS camps and Books for Swaziland.
 5. **Swazi Kids Visiting DC for AIDS Conference** - FOS provided funds to send a chaperone to accompany the Swazi kids attending this conference.
 6. **Fundraising Ideas/Treasury Replenishment** - Lorraine recommended using the the letter that was drafted to help raise funds after we identify a new project to fund.
 7. **Partnership Project Young heroes Re-Cap/Photos**. Melissa is in contact with PCVs and will sent pictures when they become available.
 8. **Membership/Raise Awareness of FOS Ideas**
 - a. **Welcome/Become Involved" letter** to our dues paying members, which will include the FOS/US Flags Lapel Pin. - John has sent one letter so far and plans to finish mailing them before the next **meeting**..
 - 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 Is woefully out of date, most of the emails we have are very dated.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 posted spreadsheet list on Google Docs for the board so we can start updating it and asked for board member to coordinate this. Can also enter into sharing agreement with NPCA to get addresses.**
 - c. **FOS Info for In-country PCVs and Staging Events - PowerPoint and Poster/ Video? YouTube or similar/Poster for in-country. Next staging not till June. - Patty will be working on these.**
 - d. **Recruit recently returned volunteers** - In country contact, PCVMike Messick.. Scott will contact him.
 - e. **List FOS dues paying members on Website as "Sponsors"**. John will send list to Tom Gutnick.
- **Next Meeting Time:** Sunday November 4 @ 8:00 PM.
 - **Deferred items.**
 - **Trip to Swaziland** (possibly to coincide with Young Heroes fundraiser). - Presently scheduled for 2014. Steve Driehaus, PC/Swaziland County Director was receptive to this, including identifying a project that visiting RPCVs could work on.
 - **Nominating of New Officers** - awaiting new board members who are willing to take on the jobs.