

FRIENDS OF SWAZILAND BOARD MEETING SUMMARY - 7/17/2016

Friends of Swaziland met on Sunday, 7/17 at 8PM via teleconference. Board Members attending were: John von Reyn - Group Leader; Scott Lewis - Treasurer, and Board Members Melissa Horton Weber, Laura Reynolds and Brandon Bobisink.

A summary of the meeting:

- Scott provided the Treasurer's report: We currently have \$3787 in the treasury and received \$90 in membership renewals and a \$50 donation through NPCA. We purchased a copy of the Peace Corps Membership Directory for \$110 (thumb-drive version), which will be delivered to Scott after publication.
- Happy Hour for Friends of Swaziland. Laura reported on the Happy Hour held on June 9th at Stony's on L in Washington, D.C. We had a good turnout of around 20 people -- many newly returned PCVs and 2 PCVs-to-be. Steve Burgoon, PC Desk Officer, attended and updated us on the PC program in Swaziland. We hope we can schedule these happy hours in DC quarterly or semi-annually.
- Peace Corps Partnership Projects. Melissa noted that there are no new PC Partnership requests listed on the PC Partnership website and when these projects are listed, they are funded quickly. John will discuss with Steve Burgoon to see if there are other types of Volunteer projects in Swaziland FOS may be able to help fund.
- FOS Free Membership. The Board voted to go to a free membership structure at our last meeting. Our website was changed so that new members can sign up on NPCA's PeaceCorpsConnect website. John reported that he had not noticed an increase in membership as of yet. NPCA has just launched a new website which they expect will be easier for affiliated groups, such as FOS, to join. John asked Laura and Brandon to try joining through the NPCA's new website and report on the experience.
- FOS events at Peace Corps 55th Anniversary Meeting, September 22-25, 2016. John will check with NPCA and with Steve Burgoon about possible venues where we could hold an FOS meeting.
- Group Leader Needed. John intends to resign after the September RPCV 55th Anniversary meeting and is hoping to find someone to lead the group after September.
- Next Meeting: Proposed date is Sunday, October 2 at 8PM EST.

Prepared by John von Reyn