

## **Board of Directors Minutes**

**March 5, 2013**

**8:00 – 9:30**

**Members & Guests Present:** Doug Carnrick, Marilyn Canavan, Jane Edwards (guest), Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Bonnie Sammons (guest), Dick Thomas (guest), Linda Woods

Elery motioned to accept the minutes from February. Sally seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### **Financial Report:**

The city account has \$7, 306. 82.

There is \$1934.47 in the checkbook.

### **Old Business:**

Jane, Elery & Dick spoke about creating a new team dealing with public policy. Jane outlined the goals of the team.

Using the report that was created at the annual meeting, the matrix of strategic priorities showed that forming a public policy committee had the fourth highest amount of support. Dick summarized the beginnings of a 350 Central Maine group whose actions will focus on climate change. This group would be separate from SMMC, yet would collaborate as appropriate.

Elery contacted Dylan Voorhees of Natural Resources Council of Maine who is also the chair of Maine Global Warming Action Coalition. Elery volunteered to represent SMMC at these meetings if the Board approved.

A discussion followed about the ramifications of this involvement.

It was proposed that SMMC hold a “Meet the Rep” event to become acquainted with our area legislators.

Elery motioned that SMMC establish a Public Policy/Abrupt Climate Change Team with Jane & Elery as co-team leaders. Doug seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Marilyn will serve as an unpaid advisor for this team.

A discussion followed about the Running Start Institute’s proposal that was presented at the February meeting. They would like to partner with us to hold a Catalyst focusing on abrupt climate change. A discussion followed about the importance of looking at each step carefully to determine what a collaboration would look like.

Sally motioned that SMMC move forward with further discussion with RSI. Elery seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### Action Item:

Mike: Contact Mike Kelly to establish a meeting

### **New Business:**

Doug distributed a draft of a proposal to fund an educational seminar on climate change with Alder Stone Fuller as a speaker. These would be held in the mid-Maine area and target established environmental groups and college students. An anonymous donor would provide the funds that would be administered by SMMC.

Action Item:

All: Read the draft proposal

Linda: Include on the agenda for April: decision regarding this proposal

Linda: Arrange for Alder to do his presentation for Board & team leaders before April 9

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, April 9 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary