

Board of Directors Minutes
November 8, 2011
8:00-9:30

Members Present: Marilyn Canavan, Doug Carnrick Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Mike Roy, Linda Woods

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

The city account has a balance of \$1,132.43. There is \$488.24 in the checkbook. Linda paid the Chamber of Commerce dues (using John Joseph's donation).

Action Item:

Mike R & Linda: Request a grant from Prepare for the Future Fund

A solicitation letter was sent to the SMMC e-mail list on October 28. To date, one person has made a donation via Paypal.

Mike H reported from the Fundraising Committee. A letter will go to businesses that have benefited from the home energy audits as well as to all who received an audit through SMMRE.

A variety of fund raising ideas were presented. The next meeting of the fund raising committee is Thursday, November 10 at 3:00 in the Winslow Town Office.

Karl Foss (from Jim Nicholson's office) has completed SMMC's 990-EZ form for the IRS. There was a \$500 preparation fee.

Action Item:

Mike R: Call Jim to clarify this fee

Linda checked with PayPal. In order to get Sustain Mid Maine Coalition listed as the recipient on donors' letters, we would have to pay a higher fee.

Action Item:

Linda: Ask Lance how much higher the fee would be to change to indicate SMMC as the recipient and if we can generate a SMMC address

Once again Linda has been in communication with Starbucks. The \$500 partner match that was due in September will now be coming in January.

Coordinator's Report:

Recent activities to support the Board's action plan:

Public Outreach:

SMMC volunteers held a scavenger hunt in conjunction with WMSt's Harvest Fest. Linda talked to many people and added several new names to our contact list.

SMMC was well represented at KVCC's wind turbine ribbon cutting. Several speakers referred to our contribution to the project. Ten SMMC volunteers were present.

Linda went to the NRCM presentation at Colby. Afterwards, she spoke with 6 Colby students who seemed interested in volunteering for SMMC.

Communications

Both the Hastings Award and the ribbon cutting at Skills are mentioned in this month's *In Touch*, the Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

Education:

Paul Kando from The Climate Project will be speaking November 28 at 7:00 at the Waterville Public Library. This will be free and open to the public. The Climate Project is comprised of specially trained climate activists who are dedicated to educating people at the grassroots level about the urgency and solvability of the climate crisis. Paul Kando is affiliated with the Mid Coast Green Collaborative.

Energy:

Mike H summarized the District Energy Team's recent meetings and indicated that there is still a lot more to do.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team

The RX4 Team will be hosting a ceremony at Skills Recycling Facility on America Recycles Day, November 15 from noon to 1:00 to showcase the new signs. The ribbon cutting will be at 12:15. Refreshments will be served.

Transportation Team

Bill Basford did a presentation on "DeMotorizing." *Kennebec Explorer* ridership set a record with 4, 807 riders during September. Two Colby students are working on a bus survey about ridership. Alex Wainwright from Kennebec Valley Organization attended. SMMC & KVO are hoping to work together to increase the hours of the *Kennebec Explorer*.

Old Business:

Mike H presented the Hastings Award to the Board. About 200 people attended the awards ceremony.

There was an article about the Energy Team as a supplement in a recent edition of *The Sentinel*.

Action Items:

Linda: Post this article on the web site

Everyone: Save a paper copy of this & bring it to Linda please

New Business:

Mike R offered his resignation as president of the SMMC Board of Directors. Doug nominated Mike H to serve as the Board president. Elery seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Elery nominated Mike R to serve as vice president. Doug seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Action Item:

Linda: Contact Karl Foss about making the changes to the list of officers in IRS forms

A discussion occurred about the upcoming annual meeting. All agreed it is important to both review past year's accomplishments and look to the future ideas.

Action Items:

Linda: Book the City Council Chamber Room for Saturday, January 7; arrange food from Barrel's

Action Item:

Linda: Add to the ending of my e-mails, "Check the SMMC web site"
Add to the bottom of the agenda the next meeting date

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00 AM** in the **Mayor's Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary