



Meeting Minutes

RAP Board Meeting - December 21, 2006

The December meeting of the RAP Board of Director's was held Thurs, Dec 21, 2006 at the RAP offices in Manhattan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Pooler at 6:05 pm. Present were Vice Chair Nancy Winter, Secretary Brenda Godsey, Treasurer Kevin Stilley, Executive Director Isaac Madison, and Board Members Cora Holt and Donna Hart.

Isaac Madison presented the E.D.'s report which included the work plan for the upcoming year. Isaac said that Jerald, MSM Coordinator, is doing an excellent job as is S'Ambrosia, one of the Women's Peer Educators which were hired since the last meeting. One of the WPE's has been given a medical leave of absence and S'Ambrosia will work 20 hours per week. Jerald's hours are changing to 15 hours per month.

Isaac said that Jamie from KDHE has been pleased with the progress made in our program and likes what we are trying to get done.

Isaac discussed fundraising. RAP received \$1000.00 from Xcalibur Club and \$1000.00 from Artists for AIDS Awareness Art Sales during World AIDS Week. There was discussion about selling t-shirts and doing a Penny Drive from January 30-April 4 which coincides with the Season for Nonviolence.

Isaac presented the financial report. He then presented handouts showing several budget scenarios depending on how much we get from KDHE. Worst case scenario leaves us short about \$5,000. That is why we must continue to find new avenues for fundraising. He suggested we need to look into more long-term funding such as CRA's, CRT's, endowments and other deferred tax advantaged vehicles.

New ideas for fundraising are a raffle in the summertime - \$200.00 in groceries at Ray's Apple Market; turning the annual Harvest of Hope into a benefit Banquet, with Gov. Sebelius as guest speaker.

Isaac announced that there was going to be the 1st annual Director's Appreciation Dinner on January 22, 2007 at the Manhattan Sirloin Stockade at 7 pm. Cost will be \$9.50 per plate.

Melody called an Executive Session at 6:41 pm to discuss a Christmas bonus for

Isaac.

It was agreed to give Isaac \$250.00 in recognition of the very hard work he has put in his first few months. He was informed of the decision after coming out of executive session.

There was discussion about building membership. it was moved and seconded to increase the membership fee to \$20.00. Members who are HIV positive would not have to pay anything. A newsletter is to be developed to give the members something for their membership and to keep them involved.

Kevin asked if the Board would read and possibly agree to co-sign a Letter to the Editor regarding the lack of coverage by the Manhattan Mercury of the AIDS Awareness Week activities on Campus in late November. The board agreed to sign off on the letter with Kevin with the exception of Donna Hart.

The meeting was adjourned at a 7:15 pm by Chair Pooler.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Brenda Godsey

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