

RPC Meeting 12/12/14

Attendees: Ruby Steward, Mary Peterson, Lorraine Waters, Jesse Thomas, Lisa Lee, Karen Arnold, Eileen Tittle, Melissa Pappas, Cathy Hicks, Connie Lydon, Mary Puente

PHA/RPC Budget:

The PC/RPC budget was gone over. It is now in a form that shows all federal funds in one category as the hi-rise budgets have.

There will be training from Wilder on January 13,14,15. It will be held in the first floor conference room at CAO. It will cover leadership and dealing with interracial issues. If you can't attend all three days of training you should decline the invitation since all three days are important and you will miss a lot if you miss one..

The remaining Special Call funds need to be spent by the end of this year. There is about \$2800 left to spend. (A good bit of that goes to Ravoux since they haven't used any of their allocation yet.)

We will be getting permission to take what Melissa is paid for fixing computers out of wi-fi or computer funds. (Aaron's salary also comes from the wi-fi fund.)

We are over budget on check printing and general office supplies. (There are funds that can be moved around in the office category.)

\$20,000 Computer Grant

Eileen has requested those funds. We should have the funds in hand soon.

We still need to know what the hi-rises would like those funds to be used for. We need to get those funds allocated by the end of January.

These funds can only be used for computer related items. This includes small things like headphones. The funds cannot be used for paper. Possible uses include computer desks, chairs, more computers, software, paper shredders.

\$30,000 Wi-Fi Grant:

Two Netgear Nighthawk routers have been ordered. These will be test units and will be tested at all the hi-rises. Aaron Smothers will be going out to all the hi-rises and taking a look at the common areas and deciding on the best place to put the new router. He will be working with the hi-rise computer administrators and PHA maintenance. (Maintenance will be very involved in this process because new wiring might be necessary.)

Updates:

With the exception of Wilson and Ravoux every other hi-rise's nonprofit status report has been filed with the Secretary of State by the accountant.

We still are waiting to get the books back from the PHA audits.

Invitation from Executive Director to present funding ideas:

We still need ideas to present.

Having some kind of index with photos of items hi-rises own was suggested. This index could include serial #s and other item information.

Keeping track of donated items was mentioned. There are ways to track donations in Quickbooks.

Melissa will make up a tutorial for that.

Getting cameras for each hi-rise was suggested. That is a good idea and would help with documenting assets. There are security concerns though.

Getting toner cartridges was another suggestion.

Jesse suggested doing a contest at all the hi-rises where whoever sends the correct reports each month for 12 months would get a prize.

Increasing some stipends is another possibility.

P.A. Systems for the hi-rises were suggested. These could be portable systems or something built in.

This would be helpful for meetings and events.

Getting signs and forms in different languages was suggested. Also getting interpreters.

Next meeting will be in March