

Resident Participation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2016

Julia Hupperts, Resident Council Coordinator, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and began by talking about an annual membership invoice we received from the *Minnesota Council of Non-Profits*, in the amount of \$100.00. A discussion took place regarding whether or not we want to continue being a member, and it was unanimously decided that we would continue the membership. A Motion was made by Mary Rivet, Iowa Hi-Rise, that we maintain our membership in the *Minnesota Council of Non-Profits*. It was seconded by Sharon Arnold, Exchange Hi-Rise, and the Motion was carried.

There was also much discussion regarding stipends. Not everyone at the meeting was aware that the Presidents Council Board – at their last meeting – unanimously passed a Motion that only the Representative, or designated Peer Representative, from each hi-rise, receive a stipend for attending the P.C. Meetings. No other stipends will be paid.

BUDGET

The Budget was the main focus of this meeting and Julia handed out a copy of the Presidents Council Budget to everyone, and stated there were a lot of overages. For several line items, the amount spent exceeded the amount that was allocated. The Line items discussed were:

1. **Accounting**: Overage of **\$1,120.00**.
2. **General Office Supplies**: Overage of **\$94.01**.
3. **Copier Expense**: Balance is \$2.07. More money needs to be allocated..
4. **Website Maintenance**: Overage of **\$120.00**. This is a quarterly fee for the Presidents Council Website.
5. **Year-End Auditor Stipend**: \$233.00 will need to be allocated.
6. **Community Building**: Overage of **\$140.00**.
7. **Peer Computer Team Meetings**: There is an overage of **\$22.00**, and there are more of these meetings to come for this fiscal year. The allocation needs to be increased.
8. **The Community Insider**: Overage of **\$80.00**, with one more meeting coming up. Julia stated we need to allocate \$150.00 for that Line Item.

9. **Training Refreshments:** Overage of \$1.60. There will be no further need for refreshments for the remainder of this fiscal year.
10. **QuickBooks Training:** overage of \$60.00, due to an extra QuickBooks Training Class.
11. **Annual Officers Training:** Overage of \$265.82.

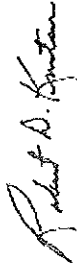
Going forward, Julia asked for recommendations as to how we can get this Budget balanced. And because of the varying differences in Stipends and amounts, Julia would like to look into making them more uniform across the board, for those hi-rises that offer Stipends. She would also like to see the Presidents Council have more control over them.

CLOSING

Because of the amount of work left to be done to balance the Budget, Julia asked everyone how they felt about volunteering their time to meet again, without a Stipend, to deal with the number of overages currently in the Budget. It was unanimously decided that we meet again next Friday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m. (third floor), to finish balancing the Budget. That will allow us to present a clean and final Budget to the Presidents Council, for its approval in April instead of May. It was also agreed by everyone, that we would not receive a Stipend for this "special meeting".

No further RPC business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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