

**Friends of CUE Board Meeting  
Minutes for October 10, 2007**

**Attendees (7):** Lori Anderson, Susan Diesel, Julie Ollila, Joyce Vincent, Pat Gill, Gayle Gallagher, Cheryllyne Vaz

**Excused Absences (6):** Stephanie Boraas, Stephanie Brody, Susan Nelson, Pamela Silver, John Uban, Phill Lindsay

**Unexcused Absence (1):** Barbara Bliss

**Consulting Staff Attending:** Kristen Denzer, Program Manager

The Friends of CUE Board meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) A Social Period was held.
- 2) September 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. The minutes were not sent out to Board Members to review in advance. The September minutes will be reviewed for approval at the November Board meeting.
- 3) There was one change to the agenda. 3.5 "Award" was added to the agenda.
- 3.5) Award. Joyce Vincent presented an award to Julie Ollila ("I just tell it like it is" Award) since she was not at the appreciation event where other fun awards were presented to volunteers.
- 4) Lynn Heglund and Unemployment Compensation Update. The Unemployment Office denied Lynn's claim to unemployment compensation because of the documents we provided them with. We sent them proof that she was an independent contractor, and that she resigned and was not forced to leave. At this time she has not filed an appeal.
- 5) Staffing Changes. The Workshop Coordinator position has been discontinued. The Board offered Mike Mesch, former Workshop Coordinator, the position of Lead Landscape Design Assistant. Mike declined the position. To replace the Workshop Coordinator position, we have created a new Development and Program Coordinator position that will help with fundraising. The Board discussed paying staff on a salary basis. Lori Anderson moved that employees be paid on a salary basis. Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 6) Board Fundraising and Service. The Board reviewed the updated Board Menu of Fundraising and Service Opportunities. It will be completed by each board member and given to Kristen.
- 7) Status of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Charley Ravine, Attorney from MAP for Nonprofits, is reviewing and updating our articles of incorporation and bylaws. He will get them to us by our November Board meeting for our review and approval.
- 8) Nominating Committee and Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee presented its recommendations for members to fill expiring terms, to be voted on at the November Annual Meeting. The slate includes: Pam Silver, Julie Ollila, Stephanie Brody, and Gayle Gallagher. It was decided by the Board to forego having dinner at the Annual meeting and instead, just attend to business.
- 9) Garden Evaluation Program Report. Lori Anderson brought photos of all ten "special awards" gardens for the Board to view. Pat Gill reported that 1600 gardens had been evaluated this year. The Board decided on the paper color and ink color for the 2007 awards: magenta ink for Blooms logo, Olde White Parchtext for award's paper.
- 10) Appreciation Party Update. The well attended volunteer appreciation party was held on September 14, graciously hosted by Susan Diesel. The Board expressed appreciation to Susan Diesel and recommended that she hold the party again next year. It was decided that in 2008, the party costs would be shared by all.
- 11) Group to Staff Expos and Fairs. Joyce asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

The Friends of CUE Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Denzer, Program Manager