

**Changes Parent Support Network**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Group Health Cooperative  
October 9, 2006

**MINUTES**

Directors attending. Dennis Dudder (Chair), Curtis Fukushima (Vice Chair), Teru Lundsten (Secretary), Theresa Fukushima (Treasurer), Norma Castro, and Sasha Slayton. This constituted a quorum.

Guests: Doug Graves (Program Director), Lisa Mallory (Executive Director), and Gary Streile.

Absent: Directors Freda Cook and Karin Roy.

Call to order. 7:09 p.m.

Minutes of 9/11/06. **MSP\*** to approve as written, with further discussion about serving immigrants. It was noted that John Orozco has translated Changes materials into Spanish.

Chair's report. See Marketing Committee report.

Vice Chair's report. Boeing soundly rejected Curtis' application for a donation of laptops and projectors. He will check out U.W.'s surplus of such items.

Treasurer's report. Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, and total current assets not available due to Theresa's computer problems. On 9/30/06 we had \$3,917 in the checking account. All chapters except Snohomish have submitted quarterly reports.

Cheryl Hahn has enrolled in school and can no longer serve as treasurer of the Seattle chapter. She is replaced by Debbie Lehtinen.

Executive Director's report. Newsletter is done and has been sent to Stephanie Taniguchi for posting on the website.

Program Director's report. Doug distributed a written report of his activities and observations since his hiring. Two salient observations were that some chapters appear not to be implementing teams, and some chapters are not using a productive brainstorming process during Small Group. As support is the fundamental tool of the Changes program, these are fundamental problems. Lengthy discussion about how to rectify them.

Auction Committee report. 85 people have made reservations for the auction (more are expected). 80 silent auction items have been procured (more are expected) as well as 10 live auction items.

Volunteers are still needed for the day and night of the event, for set-up (beginning at 12:30), manning the computers, and gofers. Lisa will contact Karin to see if she is still organizing volunteers, and the need for volunteers will be announced at chapter meetings.

Purdu Pharma, one of the corporations solicited for a financial donation to the auction, has indicated they would rather consider making a grant to Changes not related to the auction. This precipitated a discussion about fundraising in general.

Marketing Committee report. The 18" x 28" poster is done, but the business cards are not quite done.

Membership Committee report. The September 16 picnic was a success. About 50 people from all five chapters attended, and the weather was good.

Gary reported that the number of people who have gone through orientation in the Seattle chapter is down from last year, but the number of active members is holding steady at 24. Orientation numbers peaked in July.

Next committee meeting: October 26.

Nominating Committee report. **MSP to induct Sasha Slayton as a Director.**

Curtis introduced the idea of including non-Changes members on the board. This would infuse the board with outside perspectives and expertise, and more opportunities for fundraising. Dennis and Doug pointed out that this has been done before, unsuccessfully. A compromise idea of a non-voting Advisory Board comprised of non-Changes members was suggested.

Unfinished business. The board agreed to re-schedule the Rep-Tec seminar to Saturday, December 2 to avoid conflicting with the Saturday seminar in Redmond.

New business. The 2007 budget must be ironed out after the income from the auction has been accounted.

Teru will miss the next board meeting. Someone else must take minutes.

Next meeting. Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at GHC.

Adjournment. 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teru Lundsten  
Secretary

\*MSP = Moved, seconded, and passed.