

PLTG Steering Committee Teleconference
Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 4:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Carol Gerber (President), Chris Brady (Co-Vice President-Secretary), Linda Harte (Co-Treasurer), Marilyn Hatcher (Treasurer), Dennis Holly (Advisor) Nia Lourekas (Co-Vice President-Membership) Maria Reteguiz (Co-Vice President-Membership)

Not Present:

Roberta Gelb (Vendor Rep), Alan Fricke (Vice President-Secretary), Lisa Reminick (Past President),

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by President Carol Gerber

May Meeting Recap: Carol and Dennis reported that they have received many complimentary comments about the guest speaker, Mara Gottlieb of Talking Changes. Specifically mentioned was the speaker's energy, which was appreciated. We agreed that we would like to have her speak again at a future meeting. It was agreed that at future meetings the "Meet the Vendor" segment would only feature one vendor.

Membership Process for 2009-2010: One member paid the \$5.00 guest fee at the May meeting. Linda said there are about 7 firms who have signed up and have not sent a check. Compared to last year there are less members. Linda estimates 20 less than last year at this time. She noted, however that the 2008 membership number was an anomaly – more firms were members than in any other year.

June Meeting: The June meeting host is Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. The format of the "Training on the Cheap" topic will be discussion by break out groups, similar to January planning meeting. Carol will moderate and send an email prior to the meeting asking those that plan to attend to come prepared with their "Training on the Cheap" ideas.

July Meeting: Carol reported that meeting planning for this meeting is moving along nicely. Roberta has spoken with all of the vendors and they have been lined up. Roseann Wingate is preparing a challenging document which will be used by each vendor to demonstrate his/her product.

Future Meetings & Summer and Holiday Events: Carol asked if there were cost figures available from the 2008 summer event. Linda reported that the event cost approximately \$4500 and that approximately \$2000 was paid by members and the cost borne by the PLTG treasury was approximately \$2500. Last year's cost was \$65 per person and PLTG treasury paid approximately half. Carol asked if there were specific invoices that she could view. Linda will fax these to her. Date being considered for the summer event is the second Friday in August. Spirit Cruises is being considered as they are offering special deals. More information will be forthcoming from the Planning & Events Committee. Approximately 30 people attended last year, several of whom responded at the last minute. We discussed the fact that last year's event

was held on a Thursday due to the fact that when held on Friday, less people attend because people go away on summer weekends and it would therefore be preferable to hold this year's on a Thursday again. Carol will present the idea of holding winter event in January at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Update: Linda reported that the current balance is \$11,197.

Old Business

Bylaws: The updated bylaws will be voted on at the June meeting. Carol pointed out that since there were no takers for the hard copies of the bylaws comparison which were available at the May meeting there will likely not be much discussion and voting process should be quick. She will, however, distribute bylaws comparison document membership for review via email prior to the June meeting.

WebSite: Dennis reported that the Website Committee met on Monday, May 11 and discussed two things: 1) The Webmaster will have a beta version of the join/rejoin process by next week which will be made available on or around May 22 to the Steering Committee for testing. The photo uploader is being worked on as well and will be available soon. The committee also reviewed the blackboard forum and spent time at the meeting looking at several different types. The committee will come up with a comparison of those reviewed and then present the results to webmaster. This should be considered Phase II and will take several more months to accomplish.

New Business

There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm