

Steering Committee Meeting – June 17, 2009

Present: Carol Gerber, Dennis Holly, Chris Brady, Alan Fricke, Nia Lourekas, and Roberta Gelb

Absent: Linda Harte, Maria Reteguiz, Lisa Reminick, and Marilyn Hatcher.

June Meeting:

Except for the remote connection issues, participation was excellent and presented ideas that we had not heard of.

Carol was hoping for the notes and flip chart for a compilation of everyone's ideas; Chris is working on a compilation of his notes for publication to the website. A call for everyone's ideas so Carol can add these to her resources.

In terms of remote participation it is apparent that our set up does not make this easy and it is not advisable to continue with this venue due to the ongoing problems of connection. There are no objections considering we have attempted to make this work and have always encountered difficulties. A vote for not abandoning this idea prematurely was voiced with the caveat that it may not be possible to do this for every meeting, but could be an option from time to time.

Reference to the minutes and handouts that are posted on the website was mentioned as an alternative to the remote access.

General consensus on the meeting was that it was good, that there is a lot of information that we can share with each other.

Membership Process:

Considering that the membership year started April 1st, it was decided that a "Final Notice" would be sent out to those who were members last year but have not yet submitted their membership dues for this year, and that we would not continue to send meeting invitations to those who had not renewed.

July Meeting:

We appear to be in good shape for this meeting. By the 26th we need to have the documents available for the presenters. Names of presenters will be sent to Carol as soon as possible for the PLTG website. Equipment needs will need to be conveyed to the host office as soon as we can get this settled. Roberta will coordinate technology with the host.

Future Meetings:

The August Event is generating excitement. Unknown if there have been any reservations at this time. A link on the Home Page of our website was suggested for people to sign up for the event. A note for the July meeting RSVP will include a reminder of the August Event and the opportunity to bring the check to this meeting.

The Meet the Vendor segment will continue in the September meeting.

Ideas have been submitted to the Program Committee for their consideration throughout the remainder of the year.

Treasurer's Update:

The total in the bank: \$9,211.99. Money is being spent on the party but money is coming in through the membership dues.

By-Laws:

The bylaws were passed at the June meeting, and have been forwarded to Dennis Holly for posting on the website.

Website Committee:

This committee met after the June meeting. A list of features wanted for the bulletin board feature has been sent to the developer requesting an estimate of time, money, and ongoing maintenance. The priority for current website development is to finish the beta of the revised join/renew process and our photo album before supplying the estimate on the blackboard process.

Old Business:

Previously mentioned was a Vendor "Code of Conduct." This would guide decisions based on requests for a membership e-mail list or other requests from vendors and enable us to respond to vendors uniformly. It was decided that aspects of this code should be included in the By-Laws. There is nothing in the By-Laws concerning these requests by vendors or how they need to be handled.

Concerns addressed include who gets member information, in what format should they get it, when should they get it. Further discussion on what should be included in the code ensued.

New Business:

No new business was brought up at this meeting. See you all in July.