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# March 14, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2010/11 annual meeting of People Helping People, Inc. was held on March 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Library Conference Room. Attending the meeting were Debbi Dinkins, Mitchell Reddish, Dick Wood, Jane Bradford, Christopher Ma, Gary Maris, Manuel de Murga, Eric Kurlander and Kimberly Reiter.

## Old Business

The activities from the 2010 year were reviewed and it was noted that the 2009/10 minutes had been received and reviewed, with one correction on the attendance list.

Dinkins reported on the vacancies left on the board since Adriana Velasquez transferred to Pierson Elementary School and Adrienne Perry retired. She asked for replacement suggestions. After discussion, it was agreed that the board should seek to fill the vacancy left by Velasquez with a staff member. There were queries about how new members were selected. Maris said that in the past no method was used other than a desire to keep representation roughly proportional to the university. A list of PHP members would be distributed to the board for consideration and suggestions to fill both vacancies once one could be generated from Payroll.

# **Current Business**

Dinkins distributed a list of grants considered in the past year.

3/8/10	Great Kids Explorer Club	\$1500
9/18/10	Krewe of Amalee	Denied
11/10/10	Students Reach Out	\$2500
11/12/10	Family Renew Community	\$2500
11/22/10	Super Kids	\$1000

Dinkins noted that only the request from Krewe of Amalee to help support the Dog parade had been turned down. Otherwise PHP funded four proposals for a total of \$7500, with an average of \$1875. The summary of Requests and Grants is attached to these minutes. There was discussion about the ways in which Students Reach Out and Super Kids had found PHP, and whether PHP should actively advertise or simply spread the opportunity by word of mouth, as seems to have been the trend this past year. Dinkins also distributed a history of donations since the inception of PHP in 1974,

pointing out that the average grant awarded has been \$1828, with average annual grants totaling \$9833.33. The board noted that the 2010 recorded was in keeping with these averages.

Dinkins noted that monies remained available without drawing down the assets, and asked the committee if there were groups that should be encouraged to apply.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Christopher Ma reported that the PHP account closed the 2010 year at \$9,742.79, but currently stood higher as no new grants had yet been made in 2011. He explained a discrepancy in the inflow accounts (listed as \$8925) as a misunderstanding in disbursement of checks that has since been corrected to \$10,420. He noted that Investment and Asset returns were very strong at the close of the 2010 year. With an approximate monthly inflow of \$750, our accounts balance exceeds our funding disbursement, and we have not had to withdraw from the endowment, which grew at 12.5% from the previous year to yield total assets at \$214,400 at the close of 2010. (Documents on file)

Ma also reported that accounts are being shifted from Wachovia to Regions, and should be settled by April. There was board approval for the switch. Fidelity funds are also in the process of being switched out of the name of Wood, former treasurer, to the names of Dinkins, Ma and Bradford. The committee thanked Ma for managing the funds so successfully, especially after the troubling previous year.

#### Further Business

There was a brief discussion as to whether PHP wanted to actively advertise or continue to spread the information through its membership. The latter action was most preferred by the committee. Reddish commented that we must be careful to hold to the mission when considering proposals. Kurlander made inquiries about the types of requests that could be considered, which was clarified by Dinkins. Dinkins will put the call into the membership drive letter.

## Election of Officers

Dinkins reminded the committee that the two vacancies had to be filled and that a members' list would be circulated so that recommendations could be made. She also opened the floor for nomination of new officers. Reddish moved to continue into the next year with the same slate and the motion was seconded by several present, and carried without dissent. The officers for next year are: Debbi Dinkins, President; Jane

Bradford, Vice-President; Kimberly Reiter, Secretary; Christopher Ma, Treasurer. The current board members are: Richard Wood, Eric Kurlander, Mitchell Reddish, Manuel de Murga and Gary Maris

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted March 22, 2010

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