

BSR Board Meeting – August 24, 2010
Richmond Library

Attendees: Chuck Reiss, Tom Perry, Richard Faesy, Liz Calabrese

1. Hillary is a new mom as of today; hooray!
2. Finances
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - i. \$603.89 for Hillary Hunter (\$500 labor plus expenses: \$103.89 for lunch)
 - ii. \$120 for Central Vermont Chamber for rental space for July 7
 - iii. \$750 for Michael Horowitz for August workshop
 - b. Paid
 - i. \$750 Tom paid Michael for July workshop
 - c. \$4,073.44 in checking balance
 - d. \$4,971.26 in money market account
 - i. Some funds in MM are from PayPal account to pay for workshops
 - ii. PayPal needs to be set up to feed checking and not MM
 - e. We need to make sure to hold back about \$3,000 for VBG from Zero Energy Homes workshops
3. Hillary's Progress
 - a. We like the proposal letter to NESEA for the laptop, software and database development
 - i. RF asked Jessica if it would be alright to send to NESEA.
 - b. Database Development
 - i. Looks like a great start
 - ii. Board had some suggestions on making the database more useful
 1. Creating individual fields for each workshop attendance
 2. Ability to sort by workshop attendees or other critical information
 3. Maybe we can find a member who is a FileMaker Pro expert to help Hillary
 - iii. Some concern about the best use of our scarce funds
 1. Board is split between being fully supportive of Hillary's computer and software purchase for membership and being hesitant about this being the best use of our funds at this time.
 2. Hillary needs to submit a budget for this work.
 - c. Membership development
 - i. Database development is key to building membership base and move forward to expand the potential in recruiting more members
 - ii. We need to reach out to members and ask them to offer to do topic meetings
 - iii. We expect Hillary to reach back out to follow up within a few weeks of being a new mother (as of tonight)
4. Solar Workshops

- a. August workshop was successful
 - b. No one is signed up for the next ones:
 - i. Sept. 18 (Manchester) and Oct. 21 (Middlebury) is next series
 - ii. Tom will call her to determine whether she can facilitate the Sept. 18 workshop and next steps for workshops
 - iii. If no one is signed up and Hillary is not available, we may push these back a month
 - iv. Hillary just sent out 100 postcards
 - 1. Day 2 is listed as \$450 on postcards, instead of “days 1 & 2 - \$450”
 - c. Hillary to follow up with Michael to confirm next dates and time, while considering 4 hour blocks.
 - d. Chuck will follow up with Chuck Ross about possible job training funding for workshop participants
5. Topic Meetings
- a. Malcolm Gray is interested in organizing a workshop on energy audits
 - b. Possible topics
 - i. Vermont without Vermont Yankee
 - 1. Forum and discussion
 - 2. Have VPIRG (Green Energy Group) present their report
 - 3. Invite governor candidates to address Vermont’s energy future
 - 4. Co-Host with VPIRG and VGBN?
 - 5. Invite politicians to present their perspectives after VPIRG presents their position
 - 6. RF to contact VGBN and VPIRG
 - 7. Shoot for Tues or Wed Sept 21 or 22.
 - ii. Getting to zero net energy by 2030
 - 1. How to incorporate in code
 - 2. California’s experience
 - 3. How you would achieve it technically
 - 4. Affordability implications
 - 5. Coordinate with Homebuilders Association
 - 6. Chuck will organize
 - 7. Shoot for Monday Nov. 1.
 - iii. Home Performance Contractors Jam Session
 - 1. Experience sharing by group of Home Performance contractors
 - 2. Could be combined with audit topic by Malcolm Gray
 - 3. How to integrate home performance with renovation work
 - 4. What’s it like to be in the business?
 - 5. Shoot for Monday 11/29
 - 6. Tom will call Malcolm Gray
 - 7. EVT (Logan Brown) will be contacted by Tom to participate
6. Next meeting in Hinesburg at Energy Futures Group, 18 Mechanicsville Rd., Hinesburg at 6:30 on Sept. 14.