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Real Choice Systems Change Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Jan 4, 2005 - 11:30 a.m.

Committee members present:

Stan Kosloski, Eileen Cicchese, Gary Patterson, Paul Duarte, Mary Hannigan, Jan Lehrman, Carrie Czerwinski, Bob Reuter, Anita Dees, and Jim Flannigan.

Meeting got underway at 11:45 a.m.

Members of the committee were up-dated on the following

- ✓ The meeting was started with a viewing of the Video prepared by Shawn Greeley. Once the viewing was completed Mary Hannigan asked for any changes or corrections that needed to be made. She advised that this is the first draft, and that Shawn will make any corrections needed. Carrie Czerwinski suggested that a sentence be changed in the presentation by the director of Seacorp. Another suggestion was made that the video be viewed by persons not connected with the committee to see if the message is clear. Mary was also asked about having the video captioned. She stated she would check with Shawn, but believed he had the capability do caption. All agreed that the video is does an excellent job in presenting the message. Mary also stated that the copies of the video will be made for only the cost of the cassettes. An initial number of 20 will be made until a number can be determined.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan reported on the Booklet. He advised that he will be giving a copy of the booklet to Stan and Carrie for review. That he has incorporated all of the suggestions made by both Stan and Carrie from the initial review. He hopes to have a completed booklet soon so it can be printed.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan brought forward a suggestion made by Jan Lehrman about hiring a coordinator for the theater program. A discussion ensued, and Eileen suggested combining the position with the Mentor Program Coordinator. The committee agreed with this concept. Anita Dees stated that she would be interested in doing the position, and will meet with Eileen further to discuss the position.
- ✓ Eileen Cicchese reported on the Mentor Program. She stated that news release has been sent out to set up an informational meeting. She further stated that she and Bob worked on some letters that also will be sent. The meeting is to be held at 7:00 pm on February 2, 2005.

- ✓ Jim asked Stan about the meeting in Darien on January 20, 2005. Stan would like to have someone from the committee to speak about what Groton has been doing. Mary stated she would attend as well as Jim. Stan did say that he is interested in following up on his meeting of local communities. That he would like to have another meeting. The suggestion was made for either Griswold or Colchester. Mary stated she would assist in setting up the meeting.
  
- ✓ Bob Reuter related a story to the committee about a woman in Groton who has alienated herself from her mother and sister because of her disability. Bob told how he and a friend visited the woman, and when they left she was smiling. Bob's story related to the committee exactly what they have been working for. The story was a real life representation of the concept behind the committee, and the purpose of the grant.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
James E. Flannigan