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Real Choice Systems Change Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 11:30am

Committee members present:

Eileen Cicchese, Gary Patterson, Paul Duarte, Carrie Czerwinski, Colin Baxter, Anita Dees, Mary Hannigan, Mary O'Shea, Chris Gaynor, Bob Reuter, and Jim Flannigan.

Meeting got underway at 11:40 a.m.

Members of the committee were up-dated on the following

- ✓ Jim Flannigan reported on the progress of the booklet. Jim advised he and Mary met with Stan on Friday, April 15, 2005, to discuss the booklet. At the meeting the comments made at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were discussed with him. A general discussion was conducted, and Stan was going to forward the comments to Lesley, the intern editing the booklet, to incorporate in the final edit. Mary Hannigan stated that she had been in contact with a printer to determine a rough cost for printing of the booklet. Mary advised him that the booklet should have 80lb paper, a card board type cover, and additional pages for notes in the back. He gave Mary an estimate of about \$11,000 for 2500 copies. Part of the cost was a result of working with five colors. Paul Duarte spoke about the paper, and agreed with Mary that it would reduce the risk of pages bleeding through to other pages. Chris Gaynor suggested that the booklet be copied to a CD for distribution. The committee agreed with this suggestion, and it will be included as part of the Booklet project.
- ✓ Jim Flannigan reported on the Theater Program. He advised the last session involved make-up. That Ron McGory conducted the session and it was well received by the kids in attendance. Jim stated that one of the girls involved was so pleased with the results. She was going to have a party later in the day, and Ron's efforts made her beautiful. Ron was so pleased with her comments that he also made up her hair. Jim stated that in each session so far at least one of the participants stands out. He stated that this in itself has made the program an overwhelming success. Jim also reported along with Eileen Cicchese that Ron has brought the program back to the Groton Regional Theater, and they are support of continuing the program. Their feeling is that with the summer the best time to continue would be in the Fall.

- ✓ Eileen Cicchese reported that the program for the Mystic Chamber of Commerce will be conducted at the Town Hall Annex on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. Jim advised her that he would meet with her to develop a program for the event.
- ✓ Carrie Czerwinski reported that the Olmsted Coalition will be having a training program on May 19, 2005. After some discussion Carrie stated that the meeting will be rescheduled because of another forum on the same day on Transportation issues. The forum on Transportation issues will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Town Hall Annex.
- ✓ Carrie Czerwinski also mentioned that the Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut would be having its second annual flea market to benefit DNEC on Saturday, June 5, 2005, with a rain date of Saturday, June 12, 2005. She urged all committee members to come, and if possible to have a table at the event.
- ✓ Paul Duarte reported that there is a website for a group that makes buildings handicapped accessible and anyone that is interested in it to contact him for the web address.
- ✓ Chris Gaynor reminded everyone of the Forum in Griswold on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 10:00 am.
- ✓ The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
James E. Flannigan