

Star Island Corporation
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Conference Call

Members in Attendance:

Dave Brown
Josh Davis
Brad Greeley, President
John Hickey
Sharon Kennedy
Kris Lofrumento
Suzanne May
Russell Peterson, Vice President
Janice Prochaska
Jordan Young

Absent:

Stan Corfman, Treasurer
Karen Mathiasen, Clerk
Sally Russell

Others Attending:

Vicky Hardy, CEO

For opening words, Brad Greeley read the poem, "Tide Pull" by Lyn Unger.

TIDE PULL

Where does the tide go when it moves out?
Following the moon in its predictable ellipses,
What hole or foreign shore takes up the water that has left?

When the net of light has hauled the ocean off to sea,
Does the starfish wonder at its loss, left naked as a hand
upon the rock that was the ocean floor,

Or is there some crustacean form of faith that holds
the tide pool creatures steady as the world turns daily upside down?

The moon is full tonight.
What does this signify about the tide? What does it mean
to the starfish, or to love or faith
or any of the cyclic resurrections we unwillingly endure?

If I stand naked on this rock, howling for the water's safe return,
Will you, who are the moon, remember me?

If in these hours devoid of water I opened out my hands
To catch the light, would I be party to the moon's ascent,
or would you drop me in the last retreating wave,
leave me afloat or foundering, without a chart to map
what phase or tide would draw me finally to shore?

This is the final edge.
There is no space between the water and the sand,
no rock that gives a guarantee.
Caught within the waves' continual
cresting and retreat, there is no choice
But learn the starfish rhythm of a shifting home.

Brad Greeley, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Clerk Pro tem, Janice Prochaska, took the minutes.

Reports of the Special Group on the Business Model

The main order of business was to respond to the new Business Model culled from the reports of the six special planning groups. Josh, Russ, and Jordan were given great thanks for pulling together a very strong Business Model rationale and statement. The report was praised for its comprehensiveness. Red lines to the report basically improved the language and suggested a re-ordering of item seven (7) on Part Two: The Problem. What we have before us is actually the 12th draft.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, after discussion it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the new Business Model for Star Island Corporation.

Next Steps on the Business Model

- Staff will now create a plan to go with the Business Model to be presented at the October Board Meeting.
- The Business Model will be distributed in the next two days to various constituencies, including the Permanent Trust, Likely Big Donors, Conference Leadership, The Council of Conferences, Corporation Members, as well as being posted on the SIC website.
- We will need to be sensitive as to whether more resources may be needed for marketing the conferences for 2010.

Sharon Kennedy, John Hickey, and Jordan Young volunteered, along with Joe Watts and Kristi Vazifdar, to create a SIC Scholarship Committee to resurrect the Scholarship Fund work that was done in 2001 and to prepare for us a process for SIC Scholarships in 2010.

There being no further business, it was VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Prochaska
Clerk Pro Tem