



Urbana Permaculture Project

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Greetings,

On January 20, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Urbana Permaculture Project (UPP) decided on some changes to the structure of the project. Two thirds of the board were present: Rob, Clint, Lisa, and Bill. As such we constituted a quorum. We made four quick decisions, accepted unanimously:

1. Clint and Rob are switching roles: Clint is now Treasurer and Rob is the Secretary.
2. Bill and Lisa are switching roles: Bill Taylor is now President and Lisa is a board member.
3. The current funds of the UPP are to be donated to the School for Designing a Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization to pay for Ecological Design programming at the School.
4. The UPP board and activities are being shuffled to emphasize the new primary orientation of the project: the Kalyx Center for Creative Experience. We will meet again on February 17, 2008 at Clint's house (506 S. Poplar, Urbana) to proceed with additional action in that direction.

On January 24, 2008, I transferred the remaining UPP funds to the School for Designing a Society. I am keeping photocopies of all UPP bank statements, financial history and official paperwork for my records - I am giving the originals to Clint. The UPP files an annual report with Attorney General Lisa Madigan, an annual report with Secretary of State Jesse White, and (as of this year) Form 990-N, a brief electronic "notice" for tax-exempt organizations not required to file form 990 or 990-EZ, with the IRS. Filing these forms has been the treasurer's duty.

Agenda for the Feb. 17th meeting may include: changing the address of the organization, changing the name of the organization, adding or substituting members of the board... as of yesterday, there was no sense that the by-laws needed to be amended or board membership drastically changed. The possibility of adding board members was discussed briefly.

Another issue: Prairienet gives us free web-hosting as a non-profit, and our website has gotten around over the years -- people contact me about it approximately monthly. I suspect it would be a good idea to archive the current material somewhere, then make a new page that reflects the fresh direction of the project. Prairienet has already renewed the account through 2012.

I'm delighted that we're re-orienting the UPP around the Kalyx Center -- for a while I had hoped that something would happen to make our 501(c)(3) status a resource. Maybe this is it!

Rob Scott
Secretary

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