



Steering Committee Meeting

February 13, 2014

Queen Brown

Present: Rod Holmes, Teri Henson, Ben Montgomery, GE Light, John Breazeale, Kelly Olivieri, Kathleen Olivieri, Ned Browning

1. Began at 11:06 a.m. with prayer by John Breazeale
2. New location
 - Moving things out of Lynn Phillips-Gaines office
 - New hire, Queen Brown; working out of Moseley Hall on Mississippi State main campus.
3. Recent Contributions
 - Finances are good
 - Kathleen Olivieri announced that as a Board dues will be paid. \$10.00 to start off with for every month.
4. Soiree

- John raised the question of whether or not to continue the Soiree fund raiser and silent auction. Bridges netted around \$10K from the event.
- 20% was raised with the aid of the Silent Auction
- Consensus was that we continue this event.

5. Four Basic Components of Bridges Discussed:

- 1. One day training for Middle Class
- 2. Getting Ahead Class (\$13,000 per class)
- 3. BB4K –possible locations discussed: J L Kings or Boys & Girls Club
- 4. Masters (still to be developed)
- All these will be further discussed at next meeting

6. Master's Program

- Reinforce Bridges Program
- Success follow-up

7. Fund Raising

- G. E. Light volunteered to work on a proposal for a grant from the Starkville Rotary Club. Ned Browning, a Rotary board member, encouraged us to do so.

8. Mr. John

- Need for more facilitator trainings
- Getting corporate sponsors (Yokahama?)

- Create an introductory package for Bridges targeted at corporations.
- John meeting with Susan Seal with Christian World Missions on Tuesday to discuss potential partnership.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.