

PLOWSHARE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

3/28/11 Present: Gary Sandman, Eleanor Roller, Gerald Roller, Tom Nasta, Herb Beskar 1.

Current fundraising a. Pledges1. Quaker Meetings-Herb made contact with several other Friends Meetings. They have requested more information about Plowshare so Gary will send Herb literature so he can send it on to them.

2. Churches of the Brethern-Gerald and Eleanor invited Gary to speak to First Church of the Brethern, which he had done so the day before. They will be meeting with the appropriate committees at First Church to see about the possibility of a Plowshare pledge.

3. Catholic Churches-Tom had made a few calls to Our Lady of Nazareth. Gary had also spoken to Gini and Tony Lefkowicz of that church. They will follow up on this.

4. Mennonite Churches-Gary printed out a list of many Virginia Mennonites churches, and the committee identified several who were two hours or less away from Roanoke. He will send them a letter and literature.

5. Methodist Churches-Gary also printed out a list of Roanoke Methodist churches. He will send them a letter and literature.

6. Unity Church-Herb expressed an interest in contacting Unity Church after their new pastor settles in. b. Paypal/Google-Gary reported that it will not be possible to set up a Paypal account on the Plowshare website. He is investigating the possibility of setting up a Google account. c. Kroger gift cards-No new cards were purchased, but we did receive a sizeable check recently. d. Merchandise-If he has the time, Gary will try to get more

Plowshare t-shirts made. We will be tabling as the weather gets warmer and usually sell some when we table. e. Contributions-Contributions continue to come in.

2. Potential fundraising a. 5% Day-Gary sent a packet of information about Plowshare to the Natural Foods Coop. He hadn't heard back from them so he called but the manager wasn't in. b. Financial List-The committee decided to go forward with encouraging people to make bequests, set up annuities, etc. Gary will send the names of 20 of the biggest Plowshare contributors and pledgers to Tom so he can contact them. We also decided to place any of the money that comes in with the Foundation for Roanoke Valley. c. Grants-Nothing new on this. d. Other-No new ideas were proposed.

3. Etcetera a. Profile-Ads in the Roanoke Times may be made in the future as our budget improves. Ads in the Roanoke Tribune are another possibility. b. New members-No new members for the committee were suggested.

4. Next Meeting-Committee will gather again on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 PM at Herb's home.