

JCICS Board Meeting
March 11, 2009
Conference Call

Attendees: R. Pearlman, H. Stultz, J. Rolsky, R. Gibson, K. Sacco, L. Brownlee, K. Altweis
Nicholson, T. DiFilipo, N. Fox, S. Cox, D. Johnson

Absent: P. Singer, A. Hayo, K. Wallace

Call to Order & Agenda: R. Gibson at 3:12 PM EST

Development: T. DiFilipo

Susan & Tom met recently to prioritize development tasks. Items discussed were webinars (categories, curriculums, etc.), a signature event to be held in DC each year, an “in-kind” donation list of items for JCICS that could be shared at the conference, a parent/adoptee campaign, and a new marketing/branding effort called “Be the Answer”.

The IRI has received a \$4500 donation, will be put towards an advocacy trip to Ethiopia in late April as JCICS has been asked by the consulate there to come for a visit.

Families For Orphans Act: T. DiFilipo

The actual text was sent to the board along with an explanation of each section. There will be a congressional meeting to decide when the bill should be introduced, JCICS should know by the end of next week. NCFA will announce its support of the full bill, JCICS will not, given its concerns about providing false US citizenship that is retroactive to birth.

MOTION: JCICS supports Title 1 only of the Families For Orphans Act.
N. Fox MOVED/ J. Rolsky SECONDED **PASSED by Majority**

Finance Update: T. DiFilipo

Jared, Kristine & Abby are working on the finance committee along with Tom. There was a budgetary increase of \$5,000 to allow for conference planning. JCICS will be eliminating another staff position, but will not have to actually lay an employee off as Joelle Ruben has submitted her resignation. She will be leaving JCICS to pursue her Master’s in Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. It appears that there is a chance the conference may be close to break even. Currently there are 200 full registrants, 85 Adult Adoptee Institute participants and 150 Medical Institute participants.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 4:33 PM EST.
S. Cox MOVED/ K. Sacco SECONDED

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Stultz, Secry