

World Computer Exchange, Inc.
107th Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 30, 2020 2:15 to 3:54 PM
Hull, Massachusetts 02045

WCE MISSION: *To reduce the digital divide for youth in developing countries; to use our global network of partnerships to enhance communities in these countries; and to promote the reuse of electronic equipment and its ultimate disposal in an environmentally responsible manner.*

Future Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 8 (prep for Friends & Family)
- Tuesday, December 8 (Nominations, Budget Update If needed)
- Tuesday, February 9 (Annual Meeting and Signing Authority)
- Tuesday, April 13 (Draft Work Plan)
- Tuesday, June 8 (Budget and Work Plan and Letter of Appointment for Field Associates)
- Tuesday, September 14 (prep for Friends & Family)

Present: Peter Hellmonds, Jeremy Griffiths, Suzanne Grant Lewis, Ayesha Hassan, and Timothy Anderson. **Staff:** Pamela Cooney. **Absent:** Lisa Dale and Richard Gingras. Robb Rill,

Minutes: Upon a motion by Jeremy Griffiths and seconded by Suzanne Grant Lewis the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve as sent the Minutes of the 106th Board Meeting ([April Minutes](#))

Puerto Rico Project

- \$300,000 National Science Foundation [proposal](#) about computer science education was submitted June 14th and is pending: if funded WCE will hire the management team of 5 and WCE will receive \$60,000
- New intern to help CEO and Coordinator in Puerto Rico: Cecilia Martin Garcia

Shipping Report: FY'20: 1,490 goal YTD Shipped: **1,728** computers to 101 schools 17% increase
(FY'19: 985 FY'18: 744 FY'17: 635 FY'16: 1,894 FY'15: 225 FY'14: 64 FY'13: 2,201)

1. Strategic Ally: (14) Sample Books For Africa
2. Strategic Ally: (40) Books for Africa
3. Bangladesh: (6) Teach My Children (prior recipient)
4. Bangladesh: (18) FED (prior recipient) sponsored
5. Ethiopia: (104) Tigray Development Association **Field Associate**
6. Haiti: (36) Voice of Bethel
7. Haiti: (21) St. Paul, Passionists School
8. Haiti: (10) LINKS (prior recipient)
9. Haiti: (3) SAKALA (prior recipient)
10. Haiti: (4) Univ. Publique du Sud (prior recipient)
11. Kenya: (111) Technology University **Field Associate**
12. Kenya: (129) PACEmakers International for TechLit Africa **Field Associate**
13. Liberia: (50) Community Church (prior recipient) sponsored **Field Associate**
14. Malawi: (1) pilot (hand-carry)

15. Mali: (37) Massok School (hand carry) (2 batches) (prior recipient)
16. Puerto Rico: (154 unrefurbished) Padre Rufo and Boys & Girls Clubs Refurbishing Clubs
17. Puerto Rico (160) 8 schools and community groups
18. Puerto Rico (168) Boys & Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico [20/22 Act Foundation]
19. Rwanda: (2) Inspire Girls Teaching Fellow (hand-carry) was **Field Associate**
20. Tanzania (533) Global Outreach (prior recipient) New **Field Associate**
21. Zambia (117) ALEJO **Field Associate**

Fund Raising Report: When the list of potential foundation and corporate donors is completed it will be sent to the Board. Ideas from the conversation: UNESCO, ITU, Global Education Coalition, and Doreen Bogdan Martin at ITU has an ICT for Girls program – she has made a motivational video for Inspire Girls. Board members also suggested a meeting with Girls Who Code. Timothy Anderson covered the following points in his report.

- Online WCE fundraising event to sponsor final costs for Madagascar shipment: July 23 6 PM (Chicago time)
- Inquiry eMails to 200 companies have been sent
- Sponsor concept papers have been sent to Disney, Sales Force, and Mozilla
- Sponsor proposals being submitted for Zambia and Kenya containers
- Field Associates that have just joined the Africa Chapters project: Mali, Liberia, and Zimbabwe
- Funding commitment received for Youth Skills project around Boston chapter
- \$300,000 proposal submitted to National Science Foundation for Puerto Rico
- New BETA WCE [website](#)
- Does anyone have a contact at Coca~Cola, Nuveen, or Pearson?

President's Evaluation Update: All evaluations will be submitted by the next Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reviewed the FY'20: [financial report](#) and [balance sheet](#) for the first 11 months ending May 30. WCE was able to secure a \$30,560 forgivable loan from the US Government. The Board discussed how WCE is coping with the pandemic.

Field Associates: Upon a motion made by Peter Hellmonds and seconded by Jeremy Griffiths, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve of the update of the annual Letter of Appointment for WCE Field Associates.

Pamela Cooney
Clerk
July 10, 2020