

First, several well-respected members of the Philomath community are willing to serve on the Board of directors, when the current officers resign from the board. The current Rotary President, Helen Bennett, is contacting Rotarians to see who might want to represent them after a long absence from the board. The current mayor is working with the only candidate for mayor and with the city council to get a representative from the mayor's office. Both positions are prescribed in the bylaws. We have been unable to make contact with the current Lions President, but the board should be able to do that soon.

However, Pastor Bill Seagren of College United Methodist Church is willing to serve as the ministerial representative to the board. Deborah S. Williams, a long-time and very generous donor to June's Kid Kloset and the Food Bank is also willing to participate on the PCS Board. Pam Stauber is another person who will serve on the board. In addition to being a long time resident and former business owner in Philomath, she is also a regular volunteer at the Food Bank, and has some great ideas!

Currently, the board has at least 3 members who have been on the board for more consecutive years than is allowed by the various versions of the Bylaws that are available. We humbly suggest that these board members resign immediately, since their continued presence is disrespectful to the Bylaws of PCS and therefore to PCS itself. These members are Jeff Lamb (became president in 2006), Debbie Thorpe (who has been on the board since at least 2006), Ken St. Pierre (again since at least 2006). Unfortunately minutes of the Board are not available in the PCS office (where they are required to be kept according to the bylaws) -- at least they cannot be accessed by program directors who are members of the board, even if ex-officio. It is unclear, without access to the minutes, whether Don Gist took the required 2 year break between his membership on the board from at least spring of 2003 to the present. It is also unclear whether Rollie Bowers has served longer than allowed by the Bylaws.

Since there are 3 board candidates that can be voted on to the board tonight, there should be the minimum number of board members required by the Bylaws, even if five current board members resign tonight. Once the Rotarians and mayor's office appoint members to represent them, the board will be back up to 9 members. We fully expect other community minded people to ask to serve on the board when board elections are held on the last board meeting of this year.

We do honestly appreciate the long years of service of those board members who have stayed longer than the bylaws allowed. However, for the integrity of Philomath Community Services, it is only right that they step down, now that the error of their continued board membership has been pointed out.

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