

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Recycling leftover paint to help color the world



**FIRST BOARD MEETING
GLOBAL PAINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: December 19, 2012
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Board Members

Rony Delgarde Founder/President Global Paint for Charity	Harold Watkins 29-year career as Director Avon Products Inc.
Terry Baker Landscape Architect, Principal Baker Land Design, Inc.	Tom Keith Director Solid Waste Management of Gwinnett County
Kenny Cottrell Vice President- Insurance Division Iron House Insurance & Real Estate	Aalyah Duncan Marketing Coordinator High Museum of Art Atlanta
Ariel Ghinga CEO Personality Development Group	Michael Edwards Technician Radiology Specialist, EG
Theophilus Curtis Ratliff American former professional basketball player who last played with the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers	Christopher M. Moder Program Director Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), and UGA
Robert Andoh Director The University of Georgia SBDC	Guest: Hilena Haile

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

Rony Delgarde, founder and president of the Global Paint for Charity, called the first Board meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Opened the meeting with a prayer by Kenny Cottrell

II. Roll Call and Introductions

Mr. Delgarde introduced himself and gave a short story about the organization. He passed out copies of the Bylaws, mission and vision statement of the organization, then thanked all board members for their support "I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all, absent and present, for your support of the Global Paint for Charity....I have no idea where GPC is heading but with your help and support I have such a great confidence in what we can achieve together, and I am much happier than before to continue the work that I had started two years ago to help those in need around the world."

The mission and vision statement is open to comment from all board members including members not in attendance the first meeting.

Board Members in attendance introduced themselves:

III. Adopt Bylaws

Rony Delgarde presented the bylaws of the organization to the Board members and explained the articles to them. It was up to Board members to review the bylaws themselves. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kenny Cottrell suggested that a motion to adopt the bylaws must take effect today. He then seconded the motion. All present board members then voted and the bylaws were unanimously adopted on December 19, 2012.

IV. Floor opened for questions and discussion

- Mr. Ariel Ghinga asked when will be the next meeting. He also questioned how the organization will raise funds to support its logistic cost and storage. Mr. Ariel suggested that he has many interesting ideas to help raise funds for GPC. After some discussion, Rony Delgarde suggested that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 and planned to email the five years strategic plan of the organization to all Board members prior the next meeting, all present members agreed. Mr. Kenny Cottrell further suggested that certain committees must be established to handle all activities of the organization. Mr. Delgarde indicated that nomination for Vice Chair, Treasury, and Secretary including specific committees i.e. Public Relation Committee, Program Committee, Fundraising Committee and Operation Committee will be held on the next meeting. These positions are mandatory and must be filled. The entire Board will come together to sign for position and specific committee in order to assign program and fundraising activities on January 23rd, 2013.
- Mr. Terry Baker asked how much paint we currently have. It was indicated that more than 23,000 gallons of paint has been collected. And has since sent out as many as 500 gallons at a time to developing countries, including Kenya, Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Ghana and Mexico for housing rehabilitation projects including hospitals, schools, orphanages, churches, and prisons. Mr. Baker continued then asked about some of the challenges we will be facing. Rony said “Yes there were obstacles and challenges to start any business but my faith help me cross those differences. I am very thankful for the help and support from our donors, volunteers, and supporters because without them Global Paint for Charity wouldn't have been where we are today.”
- Mr. Delgarde indicated that we are facing numerous challenges including logistic, storage facility, legal, and funding. We have huge inquiries for paint donation from coast to coast and we need to find a larger storage place ASAP to keep up. As for legal assistance, we partner with **Hands On Atlanta**, a non-profit organization that gives us volunteer leads for all Global Paint for Charity projects and addition to some high school students that organized numerous projects in their own. Also we partner with a legal firm named **Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta**. They are a non-profit organization that connects volunteer attorneys with Georgia nonprofits in need of free business legal services. Leaders of this firm are very excited to meet the Board members to discuss all GPC legal needs. As for funding, we will tackle funding on project to project bases.

Other Questions and Discussions:

How do we plan on dealing with the paint?

- There is a fully detailed website available with all the information.
- There are many opportunities to team up with the waste management agencies, organizations, church groups etc. For example, Hands on Atlanta will donate \$5000 grant to GPC to use volunteer leads (from local high school students to corporate executives) to help sort, process and catalog the paint if we have a warehouse facility.
- Rony talked about his experience in many places where he donated paint for housing rehabilitation projects in schools, orphanages, and family's homes. “People feel better, happier, and more powerful, and it is so amazing to see the difference in their communities.” He continued “Some people and children sleep in front of their house to celebrate their new painted home because it gives them a new feeling, hope and pride.” Kenny Cottrell has pointed out that his past experiences and activities involved traveling to Africa with his previous college groups to renovate and paint schools and homes for those in need in the region. He said that he is very excited to be part of the GPC organization. After a good discussion, Mr. Ariel Ghinga started talking about his childhood experience growing up in Romania, said that he can relate to lack of paint in his country and that is why he has supported the Global Paint initiatives since the beginning. In conclusion, every can of paint that we donated has

a story; every wall we painted has a story to tell; and every color has meanings and affects people psychosocially, physically and emotionally. And what greater benefits than that to see the smile on every child face after their classroom painted with fresh and beautiful color for the first time. The students are friendlier and feel more creative in their classroom in a beautiful atmosphere, Rony said that he thinks the children will grow and learn to appreciate things including the community they live in. "we need all assistance we can find to support our cause in order to brighten the lives of those in need around the world" Mr. Delgarde.

Will there be warehouse staff including a coordinator?

- It was indicated that at the moment, there are no monthly fees to join GPC Board, everything is on a voluntary bases. But eventually, yes we will have someone at the warehouse to direct and help the volunteers. Mr. Delgarde said that he is open to any other suggestions until then.

How much paint do we expect to get.

- There are so many opportunities to partner up with organizations. Home Depot, Sherwin Williams, Wal-Mart....Habitat for Humanity in Florida is interested in donating paint. Mr. Baker suggested that partnering to donate paint for a larger or more specific Painting housing development projects could help distribute the paint and might create more public interest to donate funds (Local Homeless shelters, schools, and family homes).

V. REVIEW APPLICATION

Please sign and return pages 11 and 12 of the Bylaws packet prior to the next Board members meeting. Page 15 is for nominating possible new members.

VI. WRAP UP

Everyone had a great time and looking forward to the next meeting. First meeting will be held on January 23, 2013 during which respective members will have the opportunity to sign up for specific committees i.e. PR Committee, Program Committee, Fundraising Committee and Operation Committee. They will also nominate a Treasury and a Secretary.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 10:30 a.m., 4243 Dunwoody Club Dr, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Dunwoody, GA 30350.

VII. Adjournment

Motion:

Support:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Hilena Haile

Clerk of the Boards /Recording Secretary

Date 12/19/2012