

Brownsville Co-op Minutes

July 12, 2006

Present: Steve Brenner, Cheryl Haworth, Anne Stein, Laura Holbrook, Joni Nelson, Margie Riggs, Trish Knight, Marilyn Peterson

June 24, 2006 Minutes: Approved with minor correction of who was present.

Guests & Grant Possibilities: Teresa Waterhaus and Libby McCully of the OSU Nutrition and Exercise Department talked to us about the possibility of grants for community based operations such as ours.

Co-op Umbrella Entity -- Steve:

The State has turned down the name "Brownsville Coop" unless we go through the steps of incorporation in order to actually become a legal Co-op. We discussed going through a process of changing our name, but decided that it would substantially slow down the process and delay doing any activities. Consensus formed that we would plan to incorporate once we learned that we have one year to fulfill the requirements.

Committee Reports:

Buyer's Club – Steve:

Organically Grown Co-op in Eugene will send weekly spread sheets with product, suppliers and prices which Steve will organize with Donna for ordering. There will need to be a willingness to form consensus about what our people want, because of the need for ordering minimum amounts (cases, bushels, etc. or dollars). The **Buyer's Club Committee** of **Steve, Donna, Jake and Don** will work it out.

Farmer's Market –Anne:

Anne talked to Randy about how he wants us to utilize space. Basically we will start the booths at the "loading dock" corner by the deck (which we can't use until it is stained). There is room for 2 pickup to park for sale out of them in the space behind the building and in front of the mill race. It's essential that, after we unload any things we bring for the market, we move our vehicles to the Rec Center parking lot or onto Park Street. We need to leave as many parking spaces as possible for Randy's customers and ours.

Anne was concerned because we have had no major produce vendors commit to participation. She will keep trying to reach Sheri Faulk; she has an appointment with Jim Nelson on Monday. Margie will talk to Persephone Farms in Lebanon. Laura will send produce for the Community Booth. For the Community Booth: Cheryl will bring the Artist Groups Tables and chairs, Anne and Don Lyon will bring their shade canopies. Marilyn will be in charge of Booth placement. Cheryl, Steve, Don, Jake, Trish and Jack Smith will help in Community Booth. Laura volunteered to make a large sign to mount on a pick up and park it on Hwy 228.

Building Progress:

The deck still needs to be stained and sealed before we can use it.

Community Gardens –**Cheryl:**

Cheryl needs a committee to work with her. **Laura Holbrook and Margie Riggs** volunteered. They will work with the City Parks Committee with Carla Gerber as a liaison between Co-op and Parks Committee groups. The City Council still needs to act on the lease agreement with the Gerbers before it's official.

Next Meeting: Wed morning July 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Randy's