

Brownsville Co-op

Minutes for January 21, 2008

Present: Steve Brenner, Cheryl Haworth, Margy Riggs, Willow Coberly, JD Cochran, Ramona Ginn, Rick Layman

Financial Business / Treasurer's Report

We have a total of **\$11,681.01** \$5000 from a Nov 28, 2007 donation by Peter and Margy, \$4704.78 from the CD that matured Dec 7, 2007 and \$1976.23 from members and Farmers' Market income.

Margy had four recommendations:

1. Hold about \$2000 in reserve so that if we change to a nonprofit corporate structure we can offer a refund of membership dues. **We agreed.**
2. That we put some money back in a CD. **We authorized her for place \$5000 in a 6 month CD.**
3. That we budget for Attorney. **D. Atkins only charges for that portion of a meeting in which he gives advice. For that he charges \$200 / hr..**
4. That we budget for a Market Manager. **Anne suggested that we table this until next meeting when we look at the Market management recommendations.**

She also asked if someone will help her to get the accounts in order for our meeting with attorney David Atkins. Anne volunteered.

Committee Reports:

Farmers' Market Anne

An on-going **Vendor's Committee** has been established to advise market management consisting of Kristie Glaser, JD Cochran, Gretchen Clark-Scannell (and Anne Stein.)

Market Guidelines / Vendor recommendations: were reviewed. Decisions were postponed.

Buyer's Club Steve Brenner

Community Gardens JD Cochran

Central Linn School District / City / Co-op partnership The city supports this and has renewed the Community Garden contract for the coming year at the Croquet Court. Scott will work with the School District to get a contract with them for the garden at the District Office.

Community Garden Guidelines We will meet with JD at Cheryl's house at

7 pm Wednesday 1/23 to go over the recommended guidelines before JD meets with Scott McDowell

Food Store Willow Coberly

Cheryl moved and Steve seconded that we withdraw operation of a food store as a direct project of the Co-op and instead partner with Willow Coberly for grants and other means as needed. **All agreed.**

Misc.

Upcoming Conferences:

Anne moved that we again fund two people to attend OSU Extension's **Farm Direct Marketing Conference for \$50. All agreed.**

JD moved that we also fund the Master Gardeners **Insight into Gardening Conference for two at \$28 each. All agreed.**

Petition Campaign JD

Linn Co. Extension is attempting to fund their program when the O & C funds dry up by forming a special assessment District at \$0.07 / \$1000 of property valuation. We have been asked to help with gathering petitions. **We will check it out and discuss it at the next meeting.**

Next Co-op Meeting: 7:15, Monday, Feb 18th at