

Calapooia Food Alliance Minutes for April 7th, 2008

Members present: Kristie Glaser, Julie Fitzgerald, Bart, JD Cochran, Cheryl Haworth, Steve Brenner, Marilyn Peterson, Bill Porter, Patty Linn, Margy Riggs

The previous minutes were read and corrected to show EBT as tabled rather than denied. They were and approved with correction.

Margy gave the Treasurer's Report. The Brownsville Co-Op checking account has a current balance of \$1334.08 with a \$5000.00 CD that will mature on May 24th. At that time she plans to close the Co-Op account and all remaining funds will be moved to the CFA account. The current balance of the CFA account is \$5000.00. Steve asked what to do with any checks made out to the Co-Op in error. Margy explained the procedure and suggested we be careful to make sure checks are made to correct organization.

Farmers Market

JD has scored a sign board and information rack. Bill Porter offered a 4x4 wooden sign for the highway. Patti cautioned that we need to be aware of signage regulations.

Bill Porter questioned our booth fees and Cheryl explained what they are and Bill said he thought they were way too much. Kristie said that \$10 was the maximum booth fee recommended by the Vendors Committee. Steve suggested shared booth space to Bill and reminded him of the Community Booth option. Julie will share space.

There was discussion about a banner for the Community Booth. JD presented cost for a laminated sign. Cheryl pointed out that we need one for CFA booth also. Steve will follow up and advised this will be a temporary solution. Estimated cost is \$40. Discussion followed. Patti suggested fabric banners. She felt canvas would work best. More discussion. Steve will make small temporary banners and Patti will work on permanent solution.

Steve is concerned about Market layout. Kristie, Bill and Cheryl explained how they will set up their booths. Wide ranging discussion followed and it seems the layout will not be a problem but, we will stay flexible.

Cheryl has not heard from Willow Coberly regarding use of her trailer for Market storage. Issue was tabled.

Rick Layman and Susan Richards have volunteered to be site manager and we still need one more person in addition to Anne Stein.

Community Gardens

The Open House for the Gardens is from 10 to 2 at the school site on April 12th. Cheryl said we can use tables and chairs from the art group.

JD questioned if there would be access to restroom. She will make arrangements with Sarah Glen.

Decoration and signs were discussed as well as access to event. We will make sure access is clear and that both gates are open.

Steve offered a display case that could also be good for the CFA booth at the Market.

Compost demonstration will be at 10:30 and also demonstration with worm bin and a straw bale demonstration.

JD has secured a pick up load of coffee grounds donated by Allan Brothers.

JD reported that in kind donations have exceeded \$1500.

Julie Fitzgerald will do a bake sale of her goods and donate proceeds. She will bring four or five loaves of each of her four breads as well as cookies.

JD advised that one ad announced a raffle with prizes at the event and that this information is incorrect.

JD said we need trash cans at the site and Cheryl will bring one or two. Steve will bring a drink dispenser. We have paper cups and purchase of 3 gallons of water was approved. We have parking tape to mark a no vehicle safety zone. Marilyn will check with a neighbor to see if we can borrow their tractor. Julie Schumacher has pony poop; Margy and Peter will get composted material from Rick Layman. We still need more amendments.

Wednesday at 4PM plots will be measured out and marked.

The booths that will be participating will be:

CFA
Community Garden
Central Linn School District
Sharing Hands
American Center for Sustainability
Cook Family Farms

Master Gardeners
Kaiser Permanente
Applied Institute of Ecology
Native Plant Society

Patty will bring her anti-ivy information.

The Hometown Helper Grant application has been filed. The proposal is for \$4000 for the water system, \$4000 for storage and \$2000 for signs. Notification of grant recipients will be made on May 15th.

Margy proposed and Cheryl seconded a motion to reimburse JD \$157.00. Passed by BOD.

JD announced that Walt Redmond has volunteered to be the new water project manager.

JD needs help with Sharing Hands survey. Cheryl said we can do that at the CFA booth.

Cheryl thanked JD for all her hard work. Applause.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 19th at 7:30 PM at Randy's.

Steve has worked out a donation agreement for store equipment. Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Steve announced the resignation of Gian Mercurio and the three month leave of absence of Anne Stein from the Board of Directors. He made a motion that we expand the number of Directors from five to seven. Cheryl seconded the motion. No discussion offered. Motion approved.

The election for the Board of Directors will be scheduled for June 16th. Nominations will be accepted until May 16th.

Steve advised that the by-laws are being reviewed by attorney and should be finalized at that time. Steve also sent three possible dates for the by-laws training to the attorney.

Steve presented the revised brochure. Steve will do for cost of \$16. JD suggested we use our new sign rather than old banner in the brochure. Steve said OK. Kristie and JD suggested we ask Sharon Babcock for permission to use her picture as she might object and is no longer associated with our organization. Steve said no problem as we have tons of other pictures available to use instead. Steve will make 20 brochures.

The meeting was adjourned.

