

CFA MINUTES JUNE 9, 2008

Present at the meeting were: Patty Linn, Marilyn Peterson, Steve Brenner, Margy Riggs Cheryl Haworth, Kathleen Swayze and Anne Stein.

Kathleen asked several questions about the Community Garden Newsletter and it was explained that it is available on line and some paper copies fill in for people without net access. Also, the content and purpose were summarized.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

TREASURY REPORT

The balance of the CFA checking account was 4687.92. The Co-Op CD matured. Margy explained that if we transfer a gift amount of 5000.00 to the CFA, the CFA would have an income over 10,000 and our application regarding tax status would increase from 300.00 to 1500.00. Margy said that she and Peter would prefer to withdraw their 5000.00 gift to the Co-Op rather than transfer it to the CFA. No objections were made.

ELECTIONS

Our Board elections are scheduled for June 23d.

Steve said Cheryl suggested that we have a write in option on our Ballot. Varied discussion ensued. There was no conclusion reached as it is too late for this election and agreement was made to refer this to the By Laws Committee.

The Annual Meeting Potluck will be held at 6PM at The Brambles on June 23d. Details were discussed. Margy will make flyers for vendors and gardeners and the CFA Market Booth.

LAWYER AND TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Steve spoke with the IRS and they thought we should be a C-4. Steve thinks it's worth the time and money involved to apply for C-3 status as our Market is only a small part of our operations.

Cheryl and Steve explained the differences in IRS status to new Board members.

Atkin Board Member training is tabled as we do not yet have a full Board and no Draft of By Laws has been received yet.

Steve is working on finding 1023 forms from similar organizations to use as a possible model.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CFA was set for July 21st at 7:30PM at Randy's.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

WATER PROJECT

Steve can donate some pipe to the water project.

Jason Curtis will donate time to trench and we will pay gas.

MINI COLLEGE

JD and Keren will go to mini college and report back to CFA. Funds approved with provision that information gained will be shared through Community Garden Classes and the Newsletter.

JD's expenses for Central Linn Learns were approved.

SHARING HANDS

Patty spoke with Sharon Davies and Sharon will make sure flyers go into food boxes. The flyers will explain food offerings and volunteer opportunities.

EMAIL

Steve will help Patty set up an email account.

FARMERS MARKET

Site Managers

Steve has not been able to reach Rick Layman. Cheryl has talked to Rick and he is still interested. Other site managers are Randy O'Bryan, Susan Richards and Anne Stein.

Anne can always do early Site Manager shift. She explained the duties and we need more people to do this.

Steve suggested a Training Session and this was approved.

STAND BY ME EVENT

Kathleen said there is a small community Stand By Me event on the third weekend of August and they would like to use the lot after we closed. Consensus was that it would be OK. No formal vote.

BOARD MARKET LIASON

Steve described the duties and expectations of the Liason and their relationship with a Market Project Manager.

We are still looking for more umbrellas and tables.

Advertising was generally discussed. The issue was tabled pending a full Board. Kathleen and Patty will write articles.

Gwen is still looking for tables and chairs and Mark and Marcia can do a spinning and dulcimer demos!

Market Layout tabled.

Electrical project tabled.

Brownsville Co-Op Business

The donation agreement for transfer of items from First Alternative to Willow Coberly was approved.

Adjourned.

