

CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE MINUTES
AUGUST 13TH, 2008

PRESENT: Will Carey, Patty Linn, Steve Brenner, Marilyn Peterson, Bart Olson, JD Cochran, Margy Riggs, Kathleen Swayze and Carla Gerber

MINUTES

The Minutes for the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Patty Linn will handle our Education function.

Carla Gerber will be Central Linn Liaison.

FINANCIALS

Margy read the Bank Statement. Our balance is \$4500.80

BY LAWS

Training for Board Members is tabled.

GENERAL

Will gave a report on extended CSA activities regionally, including educational programs in Lebanon and the upcoming Food Assessment Workshop to begin in October. He referred us to Sharon Thornbury of the Oregon Food Bank.

Ten Rivers may also provide pivotal support for the Food assessment and Market development. Consumers need a variety of produce and Growers need to reach consumers. The Food Assessment will provide pivotal information to make this connection.

Kathleen and Steve both expressed some concern that we haven't enough volunteer energy to contribute. We will likely contribute as we can and Ten Rivers will be at our October 4th Market.

NEXT MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on September 10th at 7:30PM.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

JD Cochran has spoken with Ed Curtis regarding the situation with the Liaison from the Central Linn School District since the resignation of Laurie Greenfield. Ed is considering three applicants. JD summarized what she knows about them. Kathleen recommended either Linda Hoyer, the Central Linn Learns director, or Cindy Anderson.

JD summarized the GENE Program and answered general questions regarding the history of the grant proposal we recently referred to the District. Carla and Kathleen had several procedural questions and Carla suggested that we ask Ed Curtis for permission to speak directly with Staff. Carla will do this.

Margy, Patty, JD and Carla will develop a survey for teacher feedback to help determine what future programs or activities would be helpful or interesting. We clarified what we can offer at this time.

JD would like someone else to contact Jason Curtis. Kathleen agreed to do this.

The Garden needs a mower. We think the cost is about \$200. Kathleen made a motion that we buy a mower. Several people made 2nd. No vote.

Marilyn said she has a neighbor who might be happy to mow the Garden site and he likes to fix mowers. JD has a couple that need repair. Steve motioned and Kathleen made 2nd a motion to investigate repair or mowing first and if that does not work that we buy a mower. Resolution of the matter is to be concluded within two weeks. Motion carried.

JD wants to know if we want the School site to be open year round and advised that we need to change our Guidelines to do that. Carla asked if there was a reason to close on November 15th. JD said no. Patty moved and Kathleen made 2nd a motion to change the Guidelines to allow the School site to be open year round. The motion carried.

JD would like an assistant or back up co-coordinator. She explained what needs to be done and answered general questions. Patty will harvest and take food to Sharing Hands from the Community Garden for at least the upcoming Market. Margy will approach Sharing Hands to assess their interest.

Will asked about if produce from the Community Garden was being sold at the Community Booth. It was explained that was not allowed. OK.

FARMERS MARKET

Will asked about resale produce at the Community Booth. We have consensus that we will not do that as it not in keeping with our mission. Brief informal discussion regarding consignment vs resale, new site and Market site manage duties. Chaos.

MEETING ADJOURNED