

CFA MINUTES

October 8, 2008

PRESENT: Carla Gerber, Cheryl Haworth, Margy Riggs, Steve Brenner, Gian Mercurio, Willow Coberly, Kathleen Swayze, Marcia Rae and Will Carey.

Cheryl asked for volunteers for Community Booth for the final two weekends.

There was a brief description of the procedure to tear down the Market canopies and tuck away the gear for the winter.

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

FINANCIALS: Cheryl reported a balance of \$5240.00 and explained weekly income from Market activities. Brief discussion of total and records. Margy and Marcia will transfer responsibility of QuickBooks records from Margy to Marcia.

CFA BYLAWS: Tabled. Review of procedure to approve Bylaws and agreement to use Library terminal for those who do not have computer access at home.

Steve asked Will about the status of the Sweet Home Market as we had read that they had 501c3 status. Will did not know.

Steve reviewed process for tax status and explained that he is obtaining sample filings for comparison. Will will ask Willow for 203 filing.

CREDIT FROM BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: They are still working on their organization and attorney credit is not really available.

NEXT MEETING: Tentative date of November 12, 7:30PM, at Randy's.

LOCAL CROPS: Gian Mercurio reviewed the progress of their transitional farm. They are now producing, using organic methods, white wheat, red wheat, five types of beans (black, garbanzo, lentils, soy and pinto).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl moved that Marcia be appointed to finish the term on the Board of Directors that has been vacated by the resignation of Marilyn Peterson. Second and approval. WELCOME MARCIA!

There ensued a broad ranging discussion of our mission and progress over the last couple of years. Marcia will check out her resources around tax status and grant writing.

FARMERS MARKET: Steve reported that our proposed lease for Kirk's Ferry Park came back with the restriction that we not use the concrete part (old tennis court) and that we pay for electricity. OK. Moved and passed. Will asked about giving away squash at Market. All agreed that any distributions take place at the Sharing Hands Booth. OK.

There ensued a discussion of setting prices and sharing information. We all agreed this is an ongoing problem and will be addressed during the winter and will likely be the responsibility of the Market Coordinator position to be developed.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kathleen will follow up with Jason Curtis about irrigation trenching and Joni has offered use of Ace's mower.

Keren Ohr has resigned as editor of the Newsletter.

Margy reviewed food sharing programs. She will assume volunteer coordination of harvest and distribution with Sharing Hand and Meals on Wheels when she returns.

Meeting adjourned.