

Calapooia Food Alliance Minutes
March 18, 2009

Present: JD Cochran, Will Carey, Kathleen Swayze, Marcia Rae, Cheryl Haworth, Steve Brenner, Margy Riggs

Minutes: February Minutes too large to read. They will be sent by email.

Financials: Marcia is entering all financial data from Co-Op and CFA. She presented and explained her report and 1023 status.

Licensed Kitchen Project: The Ten Rivers Food Web is submitting a Grant Proposal for licensing and operating licensed kitchens and they would like our input. Will Carey summarized the project and asked if we would like to participate and if the City would like to be involved. There is a meeting with 10 Rivers at the kitchen in the old fire station at 3:30PM on March 27th. Steve will invite Scott and Randy.

Sharon Thornbury is still interested in our participation in the Community Food Assessment. Will will give Margy information.

Community Gardens: JD distributed the Community Gardens Report and the Class Plan for the spring Kidco class. She also described the beetle bank project and the materials needed. Bottles and cans for deposit are being accepted at 615 Kirk Avenue. Proceeds are for the development of a hoop house for the Community Garden.

We have purchased both remay and blue potatoes.

Farmers Market: Marcia felt the Vendor's Meeting was successful and the tone of the meeting was positive. Production and consumption were discussed. George Weppler will have his own booth and Jim Nelson will get retail license. The Market will have a site manager. Marcia will avoid volunteer sales people in an effort to address concerns around unfair competition. She will talk with each vendor each week to maintain food safety standards. April 11th, 10AM, we will raise the canopy for the season!

CFA Business: Steve advised that our application for tax status is lacking only bio information from Kathleen and Margy. Marcia has compiled the financial records and after completion the form 1023 will go out to the Board to review. Form 990N needs to be completed by May 15th as does Oregon form CT-12.

CFA Board election notice will go out in April. Current Board member terms were confirmed as follows:

Cheryl Haworth term expires 2009

Margy Riggs, term expires 2009

Steve Brenner, term expires 2010

Kathleen Swayzwe, term expires 2011

Patty Linn, term expires, 2011

(cont.)

Tricia Thompson, term expires 2011

Dan Thompson, term expires 2010

Charity Haworth, term expires 2011

Fundraising efforts continue in the planning of Spring Swing, our first formal fundraiser. Insurance is still an issue. Possibly Nia will be able to cover and we will reimburse her. The event will be held at Nia's Church on June 5th. We will have dancing with instruction, a beer garden, and a supervised children's area. Board members and vendors will bring food to be included with activities in admission price.

A Farm Tour was suggested as a possible future event.

Marcia asked about a better way to get information to Mandy at the Times. She explained the concept of branding. Kathleen suggested that several "articles" may work better than one. Wide ranging discussion between Marcia and Kathleen. They will work out the details of how best to do this.

We will have two contract workers. JD and Bart will be contracted for the Community Gardens and Marcia for the Market. Both agreements will be \$100 weekly and begin in February and end in November. Marcia thinks we need more clear guidelines around reimbursements.

NEXT MEEETING: April 8th, 7:30 PM, at Randy's.

Meeting adjourned.