

Calapooia Food Alliance Minutes
April 8th, 2009

Present: Cheryl Haworth, Marcia Rae, Steve Brenner, Trish Thompson, JD Cochran, Margy Riggs, Kathleen Swayze, Charity Haworth, Patty Linn

Community Garden Report

JD reported on the state of the new water system and the completion of the Beetle Bank at the Gardens. Motion approved unanimously for funds to send JD and Marcia to the OSU mini college from August 5th -8th. JD presented receipts and paperwork. Cheryl explained we cannot do reimbursements for supplies and transportation. She and Cheryl will work out current needs and board will work on establishing a contract.

Current needs include a timer for the irrigation system. Steve will post needs and gather donations for tools, etc.

Marcia suggested a pre approved budget for the Garden project.

Farmers Market

Marcia has submitted a grant proposal for the Farmers Market for \$24,000 in direct marketing. The grant is for a two year period and includes provisions for \$10,000 Direct outreach to farmers, \$4,000 for a tool library and \$5,000 for education, workshops and demonstrations. Yeah, Marcia!

We need some extra boards, 2x6 or 4x6 for stage decking. Marcia proposed that she will pay for materials and we will reimburse her if the cost is more than her fee? More discussion needed.

There is a site manager meeting scheduled for the week of April 12th. Marcia and Margy will work out how to incorporate the WIC program into our new market structure.

SNAP research continues. We need firewood for Market.

Debra Dyson is our new attorney. Her fee is \$50 per hour. Board approved \$100 for attorney fees.

Board also approved purchase of remay and bunchgrass.

FUNDRAISING

Our first ever fundraising event is titled Spring Swing and will take place on June 6th from 7-11 at Nia's Church. The band Flat Stanley will play for 2 or 3 hours. there will be child care provided and Joe will cater a beer garden. The Board members will bring snacks and Charity will send out suggestions. Admission will be 10-15 dollars. The Board approved \$350 for the Event. Steve and Marcia will make a brochure.

Licensed Kitchen Project

This project was briefly discussed as a possible project for us. There is a meeting in Sweet Home on April 13th at 3PM. Charity and Marcia will attend to gather information and see if this is feasible for us.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board approved a garden plot fee to JD in exchange for her massive amount of work at the BCG.

Marcia suggested a Garden Farm Tour as a future fundraiser.

Fran Wepler of The Garden Club will be at the Pioneer Picnic and we may do a demo and Victory with her.

Patty moved and Kathleen made second a motion to adjourn the meeting. Approved.