

Calapooia Food Alliance
June 10, 2009

PRESENT: Charity Haworth, Kathleen Swayze, Steve Brenner, Margy Riggs, Tom Ing, Cheryl Haworth, Tricia Thompson, Patty Linn, Marcia Rae, JD Cochran

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were read and corrected to include Charity Haworth as an attendee. Kathleen made a motion to approve the Minutes, Patty second. Minutes approved.

Financials: Cheryl reported a current balance in the checking account of \$6742. Year to date our income totals \$6721 and our expenses total \$4740. We will pay Michelle Layman for Market electricity.

Community Garden: JD gave the report on the Gardens and is holding additional work parties to finish planting of starts from Central Linn High School. She will leave a job list on site. JD and Margy want to offer some of CLHS starts for sale to gardeners at the Garden. There was discussion around competition with Market vendors. It was decided by consensus that Community Garden plant sales would be low key enough to allow. Proceeds are to offset costs.

There was an involved conversation about weather or not to develop extra plots for some of the plants from CLHS. We need to add water lines and amendments in order to open them. Currently we have 2 developed plots available and two demo plots. We also have 6 plots undeveloped. Margy suggested we plant only developed plots and sell any excess starts.

Cheryl asked if we could use Community Vegetable Garden produce for fundraising at a CFA booth at the Market. Margy and JD oppose as this would compete with Market Vendors. Also, the stated purpose of the Community Vegetable Garden is to provide food for donation to the Community. Cheryl suggested we check our documents and reevaluate the situation. Marcia was asked her opinion. She is concerned with the lack of produce at the Market now and does not see much improvement in the future. She has made contact with Joel Stith around the concept of trading labor from his client for food tokens (wooden nickels) to be used at the Market. Also, Marcia suggested we sell donated food at a CFA booth. In order to eliminate any underselling, Kathleen suggested we sell any donated or CVG produce at a higher price than other Vendors. Wide ranging discussion around Community farming and Market development.

Steve suggested that we propose several motions in order to make decisions on the topics discussed. Agreed.

Cheryl made a motion that we plant the donated plants from CLHS in our developed plots and donate any surplus to any non-profit. Steve second. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve made a motion to buy four 50' hoses, splitters and timers. Several seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Patty made a motion to initiate a program to issue scrip for labor at the Garden at a rate of \$6 per hour. Several seconds. Discussion included the explanation that the scrip is to be used at the Market. JD and Marcia are to work on details. Tom suggested value of less than dollar and time limit printed on the document. OK. Motion passed unanimously.

Patty made a motion that we split any money we make from CLHS plant sales 50-50. JD and Patty think this would be very positive for relations between us and Central Linn. General agreement voiced. No second or vote on motion.

Marcia would like to sell at Market anything excess plants from the Garden that are not already available. Tom questioned the 50-50 split saying we should send only 1/3 of proceeds to CLHS. Cheryl pointed out that we have done already CLHS a bit of a favor in clearing out the greenhouse. Kathleen asked Marcia to look at plant list and see what we can sell at Market that will not compete. OK. Strawberries are OK to go Market. JD asked about logistics. Wide ranging discussion around getting plants to Market or not.

Margy made a motion to sell excess plants. Second from Tricia. Motion passed unanimously. Kathleen will make signs.

JD says we still do not have a mower that is operational. We have a donated mower from "Betsy". Nobody knows her last name. Anne Stein can contact her. No formal decision.

Garden need scrap wood for sink stand. Margy has some and can donate. OK.

Tricia suggested that we lower the price of undeveloped plots by 1/2 as "end of season special" to see if we can get them in use. This might help us determine if we should adjust our fees. Kathleen asked if Marcia could make announcement in the Times. They will work out. OK.

JD will put volunteer sign up sheets in a safe place in the Garden. It is hoped that this will make it easier to keep track of volunteer hours. OK.

Marcia asked how to get scrip program going. JD said she has work. JD and Marcia will work out details.

FARMERS MARKET: Marcia had no formal report. CFA sales are good. She is ready to start a CFA booth when we give OK.

ODA regulations are not currently being actively enforced. Marcia warned that she will be enforcing the things she knows are blatant violations OK.

Brief discussion around moving Market site. We will evaluate at a later meeting. OK.

CFA BUSINESS

Kathleen gave a report on the Spring Fundraiser. The net profit was \$735.09. Yeah! Kathleen reviewed the goals and explained the possibility of reducing door charge. Insurance will cover new venue for next dance. There are several possibilities to be sorted out. Wide ranging discussion of cost and place ensued.

We would like to recruit a member of the Sharing Hands to serve concurrently on our Board. It is felt that this would likely help the execution of joint projects and facilitate good relations between the two organizations. OK.

Steve announced that our 1023 for to the IRS has been received and there is about a 5-6 month turn around time. We should hear sometime around November.

CFA Brochure-----Tabled.

CFA Board Retreat is Sunday June 14th, 1PM at Margy's house.

Next meeting is the Annual Potluck and Meeting/Election on July 8th at 6:30 PM at the Bramble House.

Meeting adjourned.