

# Calapooia Food Alliance Minutes

## 8/14/09

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**Present:** Steve Brenner, Carla Gerber, Charity Haworth, Cheryl Haworth, Kristie Glaser; Tom Ing, Marcia Rae, Kathleen Swayze

Minutes from July's board meeting were amended adding election results that Cheryl's term was extended another year.

**Treasurer:** Tricia Thompson not present; Marcia reported \$10,506 in bank account plus \$5,000 donation received from Margy Riggs. Cheryl expressed concern regarding expenses and wants to ensure CFA's ability to pay staff salaries over the next year. This issue to be deferred until September's board meeting. The question was raised as to whether we have a budget committee. Cheryl made a motion to establish such a committee consisting of the Treasurer and Market Manager. They will set up a committee with two other board members. Carla seconded the motion. Motion approved without exception.

**Community Garden:** J.D. reported she will type up information regarding mini-college classes. Sharing Hands harvest included 12 families plus 2 volunteers from Sharing Hands. J.D. created a grocery store/shopping list to advise Sharing Hands on produce availability. She's still working on water pressure issues with the city. Tea posts and a safety fence have been installed. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, there was a potato and tomato blight in 3 of the garden plots. Other tomato and potato plots were not affected. There's a severe problem with invasive species that needs attention. Tom moved we refund the Dayton family \$55 due to family issues and their inability to tend their garden plot. Carla seconded the motion and the motion approved without exception.

**Mower Report:** Steve took in broken mower to be refurbished but found it not worth the expense. J.D. mentioned an end of year clearance for mowers at Home Depot for \$197.00. Kathleen will ask Home Depot to donate mower or offer a discount.

**Expenditures:** July's minutes were amended to clarify that expenditures over \$50 will be approved by the Executive Committee and expenses under \$50 will be at the discretion of respective managers.

**Farmers Market:** Kristie spoke with vendors to see if they were interested in attending CFA board meetings. Vendors expressed concern regarding attendance and the need to educate when certain produce is available. Sharing Hands is initiating a door-to-door survey in which CFA will add pertinent questions. Patty to work with Marcia on the survey which will go out soon. Kathleen and Patty reported recent Farmers Markets have been successful and that we now have electricity from Key Bank. Replacement canopies can be purchased from Bi-Mart for \$70 each as reported by Steve. Cheryl made a motion to buy 2 canopies at a cost of \$140. Patty seconded the motion and motion was approved without exception. Steve will follow-up

**CFA Business:** Steve received email from Jennifer Duringer saying she is unable to be a board member at this time but offered to assist in putting together a new brochure. Tom suggested that we need to determine the needs and desires of the populace via Sharing Hands survey. A brochure committee was tabled for the time being. October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Square Dance fundraiser. A committee was formed consisting of Charity, Kathleen and Marcia. Steve to create a link at Selco for CFA donations. Tom moved for an initial expenditure of \$200 to set up account, which was seconded by Carla; motion approved without exception. Tom made a motion and Carla seconded the motion that the President, Vice-President and Treasurer are to be signators on the account; approved without exception. A new committee for new location of Farmers Market at Kirks Ferry Park established with Tom, Cheryl, Steve and Marcia. Steve to contact city administrator to set up date to visit the new site, and he will email board members with the time and date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm at Randy's