

Calapooia Food Alliance/Minutes – 11/11/09

Present: Steve Brenner, Carla Gerber, Charity Haworth, Cheryl Haworth, Patty Linn, Marcia Rae, Margy Riggs, Kathleen Swayze, Tricia Thompson

Patty moved to approve minutes from October's board meeting. Carla seconded the motion.

Treasurer/Expenditures: Tricia gave the treasurer's report. There is to be an extensive budget meeting for the December board meeting.

Community Garden: JD wants to do a winter garden, starting up again in January 2010. Clarification is needed as to whether or not she is to be paid during this time period. Water usage is high. Lines will be blown out and water shut off on Saturday, 11/14/09.

Farmers Market: Marcia reported there was a strong finish for the market. Marcia proposed that the Market Manager's compensation be commission-based from sales at the market. Starting with the Holiday Market, her commission would be 10% of the vendors' sales. The Holiday Farmers Market is scheduled for 12/05/09 from 10:00am-2:00pm in bays of the old fire hall. Regular vendors will be in attendance; crafts people have been invited. We will need to decorate for the event on 12/04/09. Music will be provided by Joe Hall. Three different piano players will be performing Christmas music.

There is interest in starting up the Saturday salons again with garden-related subjects. The board approved that Marcia proceed with obtaining speakers for the salons. It was suggested the name "salon" be changed to something with a broader appeal.

Marcia proposed a January field trip to Albany's "Helping Hands" organization. The organization sleeps 85 people a night, serves up 3 meals per day and has a 2-acre farm near Coastal Farms..

Food Assessment: Steve attended a recent meeting; they want to schedule a regional meeting so that people can share ideas regarding local foods.

Hoedown: Kathleen proposed we do another hoedown next spring, working with "Squareaders" to help instruct. They use CD's for music and have a live caller. Profit margin was very small; cannot afford to pay a live band \$450.00. Inclement weather was a detractor and attendance was small.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Community Center