

Calapooia Food Alliance Minutes - April 19, 2010

Present: Kathleen Swayze, Chair, Margy Riggs, Tricia Thompson, Bill Sattler, Cheryl Haworth, Carla Gerber, Andrew Still, Marcia Rae, Kristie Glaser, Steve Brenner

Carla Gerber moved to approve the minutes from the March 15 meeting and Tricia Thompson seconded the motion. The group voted to approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report :

We had the following expenses in the end of March and the beginning of April:

\$256.00	Liability insurance
\$125.00	Caller for dance
\$ 52.15	postage
\$ 8.80	stamps
\$ 10.00	ODJ Rev. filing
\$200.00	community garden contract
\$ 65.00	Oregon Small Farms conference
\$ 35.00	Oregon Farmers Market annual dues

The Hoe Down brought in \$160.00 and expenses were \$125.00 which gave us a profit of \$35.00.

Our ending balance was \$6510.00 with \$508.45 in the Selco Savings account.

Community Garden Report:

Dates of Garden Work Parties are as follows:

April 24 th	1-3 pm
May 23 rd	1-3 pm
June 12 th	1-3 pm
July 17 th	10-noon
July 18 th	10-noon
Aug	none
Sept 19 th	2-4 pm
Oct 17 th	2-4 pm

Margy will do an article about the work parties. Bring hand tools for planting. Steve will take pictures to go to the paper after the April 24th work party.

There are 2 plots rented at this time and 5 more available.

Other events:

On May 19th 10-2 pm students from the OSU Sustainable Community Class will meet at the gardens to make strawberry beds to accommodate the over flow of strawberry plants.

Grants: Margy will ask Teresa at CLSD if she would look for grants for the community Garden. Bill mentioned that the Ford Foundation Grant will fund small amounts and maybe we should check into that.

Other funding: There was a discussion about using one of the plots to grow vegetables to sell at the farmers market as a way to recoup funds used for the community garden. The group thought it was better to try to get a grant to pay for the garden manager/consultant. They also discussed eliminating one of the months of consulting fees. Another idea was to partner with another group to get an Americorps Vista Volunteer.

Farmers Market Report :

Marcia thanked the volunteers for setting up the booths. The first market had good vendors and good attendance. There was a total of \$645.00 of produce sold at the first market.

Our new hours are 9 to 12 noon.

There will be a Master Gardener booth manned by Ann Stein with a computer to look up questions.

Snap Machine - this will allow the FM to take the Snap Card (food stamps). FM will sell wooden dollars for users to take to other booths to buy fresh produce. There is no cost for transactions and it will be operational at the next FM.

WIC - The FM can accept WIC coupons. There is a WIC training on May 8th after the Market for any vendors who want to use the WIC coupons. Kelly Street will do the training.

Marcia said she only needs 1 volunteer for each market session instead of 2. When we have things to sell in the community booth, we may need 2 people.

Signs: We have one sign on the Swayze's property and there was discussion about having another one on the fence at the tennis court with an arrow pointing to the FM.

Willamette Local Foods: There are 7 to 8 regular customers. Orders must be in by Monday and delivery is Tuesday between 4 and 7 at Roots. There are also sites at the Lebanon Coffee Shop, a Scio site, and possibly at the Democratic headquarters in Albany. They need refrigerators and freezers and someone to drive from Albany to Lebanon.

Munch Night: there was a good turn out at the Brambles. The next one will be at Randy's Main Street Coffe and will feature a lamb barbecue. Reed Anderson will talk about raising lambs in the valley. Another munch night will be a pork dinner with mushrooms at Joe's Corner Café.

CFA: New Board members - Carla Gerber motioned that Andrew Still be nominated to the CFA board. Steve Brenner seconded and the group approved the motion.

Truck: The insurance quote for the truck was \$450.00 a year. We decided not to take the Gerber's offer of a free truck since the cost of the insurance along with gas and maintenance was more than we could afford at this time. Thanks to the Gerber's for the generous offer.

Next Munch Night at Randy's May 21st

Next Meeting May 17th at 7:00 in the city council chambers