



IFM Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, October 24, 2017

Board Officers Present

Sue Van Son, Executive Director
Kate Laferriere, Development Director
Rick Kahil, Vice-President
Kathy Mollet, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Tracy, Secretary

Board Members Present

Gaye Rogers, Grace Lutheran
Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Spiritual Living
Judi Wade, Twin Cities
Nancy Senger for Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Janet Kelly, Christian Science Church
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran

Absent

Bob Thurman, President
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V
Anne Lyon, Unitarian Universalist

Sue Van Son led us in prayer.

The minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Motion: Request for food – FREED

Sue introduced Brooke who explained the FREED program, a non-profit in Grass Valley. She works with the traumatic brain injury support group and is asking for snack food from IFM that can be shared during their peer-support meetings. Sharing food provides warmth to the get-togethers. The food IFM would provide once a week would be food that is donated, not food that we buy.

Jeff Hebert moved that the board approve FREED's request for food and Hilary Dart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

QUARTERLY REVIEW

Treasurer Update

Kathy Mollet

- Search for replacement treasurer is moving along
- One strong candidate will meet with the executive board this week
- Karen Holt, the assistant treasurer, is taking over the bookkeeping and adding some additional tasks

Financial

Kathy Mollet

- Balance sheet continues to be healthy
- The loan on the building has been paid down to \$232,128.87
- Revenue is \$1.5K higher than expected
- Expenses are underspent by \$3.8K

Client Stats

Rick Kahil

- Client demographics
 - Adults - 75% - up a little
 - Children - 25% - down a little
 - Seniors (55+) - 27% - constant
 - Homeless - 5.5% - up a little
- Client Trends
 - New Families – 618 – up again
 - Total families served – 18, 894 – up 3%
 - Total individuals served – 44,944
- Distribution
 - Average visits per distribution day – 163
 - 73,201 grocery bags of food – up 10.5% (we're giving more food)

OPS UPDATE

Sue Van Son

Saturday Distribution

- There have been 6 distribution Saturdays to date with a total of 114 family visits
 - Adults – 190, children – 121, seniors – 61
 - New families – 22
- IFM and United way met and decided to continue the second Saturday distribution for another 6 months with slight modifications
- An increased effort will be made to try to reach families who don't think they qualify

Holiday Meal Program (Sue) and Communication Plan (Kate)

- Holiday meals will be given to clients on their regular distribution day during the two weeks prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas
- The Food Bank of Nevada County is providing some of the food
- The Salvation Army will buy crescent rolls and butter for both Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Placer Food Bank is giving IFM the chickens for the singles
- For the Christmas distribution Ladies' Relief Society will also be involved
- Sponsor a Family for the holidays
A \$20 donation will help Interfaith provide the food for a family of four
A \$40 donation will help provide the food for Thanksgiving and Christmas
Gift cards can be purchased so that you can give the gift of sponsoring a family for the holidays
Board members were given an envelop with the gift cards and asked to share this project with their church members
- Store Ambassadors are needed to greet shoppers and encourage participation during the local grocery store holiday food drive
The hours are flexible and it is a great family or youth group project

Emily (Monitor) Update

- Emily is settling in
- Jeff Hebert will work with her on Friday so that he can be her substitute if needed

KCRA Kids Can

- Alta Sierra, Union Hill, and Clear Creek Elementary chose IFM to receive the food they collect

Volunteers

- 4 or 5 drivers are still needed
- Store Ambassadors are needed

USDA inspection

- There was an unannounced inspection by the USDA meat department last week
- They were checking meat and eggs to be sure they had the USDA stamp saying we cannot give out any meat without it
- This would also include any meat we might raffle off having USDA approval
- Any of the meat or eggs we buy have USDA approval
- There is some question as to how we come under their pervue

Food – IFM Garden

Rick Kahil

- Someone in Lake Wildwood donated the use of about ½ of their garden for IFM use
- Jackie Pascoe and our garden group grew about 3,200 pounds of food for IFM
- The owner also grew butternut squash for our use

FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kate Laferriere

Paulette's fundraiser results

- 253 meals sold
- IFM made a little over \$5,000
- Kate thanked all who came to the dinner, sold tickets, and served
- Special thanks to some students from Ghidotti High School and the Boy Scouts who helped out with the evening

Results – September Hunger Action Month and Food Drive

- Thanks to all those who participated
- Hopefully all saw the wonderful videos posted on our Facebook page

CSBG supplemental grant money award

- An additional award was split among the 3 grant winners - \$6360

GENERAL BUSINESS

Solar System

Rick Kahil

- We were getting 10% less help from our solar than was anticipated
- Bob Thurman had ongoing discussions with DC Solar and they are going to install \$10,000 worth of extra solar panels

Pastor Meeting

Sue Van Son

- Nine pastors were able to attend
- Bob Thurman gave an overview of what IFM does
- The pastors shared what IFM looks like in each of their church communities

The next board meeting is November 28th. There will be no December meeting.

