



IFM Annual Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, November 22, 2016

Board Officers Present

Sue Van Son, Executive Director
Kate Laferriere, Development Director
Bob Thurman, President
Rick Kahil, Vice-President
Mary Ellen Tracy, Secretary

Board Members Present

Gaye Rogers, Grace Lutheran
Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Positive Living
Debbie Hofen, Twin Cities
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Jan Kelly, Christian Science Church
Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible

Absent

Kathy Mollet, Treasurer
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V

Gaye Rogers was introduced as the new board member for Grace Lutheran Church

Rick Kahil shared a "God Moment". The Lake Wildwood Bocce Club unexpectedly donated \$500 to IFM.

Sue Van Son led a prayer

Bob Thurman shared a letter written by the CEO of Starbucks to all of its employees about coming together and looking for good things in the future.

MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

OPS UPDATE

Sue Van Son

Thanksgiving Distribution

- 909 families received food for their Thanksgiving meals
- May make some changes for distribution next year
- Christmas distribution will probably start earlier in the morning

Working Poor Outreach and United Way Update

- IFM Executive Committee met with representatives from United Way
- Ongoing discussion about the possibility of Saturday distribution once a month
- Weekday distribution difficult for the working poor
- Could possibly start in April pending staffing, funding, and the ability to get more food
- United Way may help fill gaps in volunteers and/or financing
- IFM would need volunteers, especially supervisors, who would be willing to work one Saturday a month

Project Heart Facility Use Agreement Update

- Agreement is in order
- Project Heart groups will meet in Suite A on Monday and Thursday evenings starting in January

CalFresh Program Update

- Nevada County pays IFM to have trained volunteers talk with clients about CalFresh
- We have signed up 6 people so far

KVMR Hunger Forum

- Program went very well
- Live and podcast
- Yuba Net was there – online news service. It was IFM's first exposure to them

Insurance Requirements For Onsite Contractors

- IFM will now require that any contractors we use have insurance and workman's comp.

Benches

- Rotary of Grass Valley South donated an outdoor bench for us
- A plaque will be made
- The bench we already have is from Grocery Outlet
- Benches are about \$430 a piece excluding tax and shipping
- Will check with more service clubs to see if they are interested in donating a bench

Food

- Two bags of staples are now being given to families of 6 or more
- More tuna is being given to larger families
- Broccoli was purchased for the Thanksgiving meals
- Very preliminary discussions about creating a prep kitchen in suite A for cooking classes

Volunteers needed

- Supervisors and all other distribution workers for Saturday distribution

Donations

- Bob Thurman noted that 94-95% of donations goes to food

FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kate Laferriere

Sponsor a Family for the Holidays

- Thanks to board members Janet Kelly from Christian Science Church and Hilary Dart from Sierra Center for Spiritual Living for selling their cards
- Kate has more if anyone needs them.
- Great gifts for those people who are hard to buy for at the holidays
- Facebook can be a great way to promote it
- \$20 buys more than \$20 dollars worth of food

Safeway – Feed the Need

- October through Dec. 27th
- Safeway customers are encouraged to buy \$10 bags to help feed IFM clients
- Each bag contains non-perishable items that will be delivered to IFM on pallets at the end of the drive
- Kate thanked Judie St. John, John Tracy, and the girls from Ghidotti who worked with her last Saturday to encourage customers to purchase the bags
- We need volunteers for another full day on December 10th from 9:00-3:00
- St. Patrick's Youth Group will be at the Sutton Way store
- So far we are 112% of where we were at this time last year

Holiday Market – Penn Valley

- Rick Kahil said Holiday Market has a \$5 bag with food valued at \$7 to \$7.50
- 315 bags have been purchased so far
- Their drive is extended to the end of November

Grand Prix Run Fundraiser

- John Fairchild, Pastor of Twin Cities, heads up the Grand Prix
- Grand Prix sponsors running races in Nevada County
- After meeting with Robin Newman, the IFM executive committee decided to sponsor a race in September during Hunger Action Month
- Potential for IFM is \$8,000-\$10,000
- Start and finish of the race would be in IFM parking lot
- Good PR and a new community to learn about IFM
- Jeff Hebert suggested the run might be a great senior project for some of our high school students

Grant Update

- Waiting to hear from Tiechert
- We put in a request to apply for a grant from Land of Lakes

Art Fair

- Ronnie Hart, who spoke at our last meeting, donated \$520, her proceeds from the art fair on November 13th

Amazon smile and e-script

- Kate encouraged use of these when doing Christmas shopping
- She can track the usage
- E-script has 419 active members with money coming to IFM

Gala 2017

- Theme is Brick by Brick Building a Legacy Against Hunger
- Thanks to Nancy Koring and Pam Sufleski for their work on this
- We need silent auction items
- Looking for someone to check people in and out, keeping track of purchased items

GENERAL ITEMS

Bob Thurman

Thanks to the board

- A lot is asked, more and more
- Share our needs with the volunteer coordinators from your church to get their help

Nevada Community Needs Assessment

- Does needs assessment on a regular basis
- Community Service Block Grant Awards are given based on assessment priorities
- They are looking for information and feedback from those in need
- IFM had surveys we turned in and a list of clients the commission could talk with about real issues and their challenges
- It was brought up that the members of the commission are impressed with the organizational model of IFM and many are interested in learning more about it.

Officer Nominations

President – Bob Thurman

Vice President – Rick Kahil

Treasurer – Kathy Mollet

Assistant Treasurer – Karen Holt

Secretary – Mary Ellen Tracy.

The above officers were nominated, the nomination was seconded, and unanimously approved

Annual Meeting

- January 24 2017, 9am – 11am
- Board members were encouraged to invite their pastor or clergy to attend

No December meeting