



## **IFM Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, February 27, 2018**

### **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**

Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal  
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V  
Gaye Rogers, Grace Lutheran  
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist  
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran  
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist  
Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Spiritual Living  
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian  
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's  
Judi Wade, Twin Cities  
Anne Lyon, Unitarian Universalist

### **Absent**

Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist  
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible  
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic  
Janet Kelly, Christian Science Church

Sue Van Son led us in prayer.

Chris Dudine, the owner and operator of Woolman Farms, addressed the board. He explained he would like to raise money for IFM in a way similar to Riverhill Farm. He was also present to listen to suggestions. His farm is only one acre, but there is always extra produce, and he would like to find a way for it to come to IFM. He will talk with Drew from Early Bird Farms and Antonio from Riverhill Farm as it would be best if they all had the same set-up. Once he knows what his set-up will be, he can let IFM know and we can post his information and get the word out as to how donors can help.

## **FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**Kate Laferriere**

### **Matching Campaign**

- Board members were asked to pick up the matching campaign materials to get the word out at their churches
- A bulk mailing went out today to those who donated in the last 3 years
- We have \$45,000 in matching funds. Matching that amount would give us \$90,000, about ¼ of our budget

### **Safeway Monopoly**

- Bring in the tickets if you don't use them
- We do have a volunteer who picks up the instant winners

### **Upcoming Events**

- March – Matching Campaign
- April – Fill the trailer
- June – Shredding Day sometime in June
- October – United Way BBQ
- October 6 – Hunger Run

Plans are moving along. The Nevada County Airport is great to work with. It will be a wonderful family event. In addition to the run there will be music, food, and hopefully an airplane display.

We do need volunteers.

### **Grants**

- In June we should hear about possible grants from County Site Block Grant, CIF, and Teichert.
- A Gold Country Celtic Society grant award will be presented tomorrow night
- There is a possible CIF award for a dehydrator. This would reside at the School of the Arts. Excess dehydrated vegetables and fruits would come to IFM for our clients.
- Those with available grants are increasingly asking for more information about how IFM can prove we help people eat healthier and avoid homelessness. We know we do this, but it is difficult to prove. We are able to share client stories, etc., but sometimes they want more.

## **OPS UPDATE**

**Sue Van Son**

### **Homeless Count**

- The Salvation Army hosted a day when the homeless population could receive many services.
- They filled out questionnaires on that day.
- Over a 10 day period IFM was able to have 39 of our homeless clients fill out the same questionnaire. All but one of those 39 either grew up in Nevada County or have family here.
- Two causes of homelessness that surfaced were substance abuse and mental health problems.

### Food Access Saturday

- We are coming up on a year with this program, and there will be a meeting with United Way soon.
- We have just 8 families that came in more than once on Saturday and only on Saturday
- Are we starting to max out our volunteers, especially the behind the scenes folks?
- There was a good discussion about the pros and cons of continuing

### Food

- Easter distribution will be meat only – either an Easter ham or chicken or turkey

### Monitor update

- Scott Bell is our new monitor.
- He introduced himself and explained that he was with the Highway Patrol, but due to injury and two unsuccessful surgeries, he is on disability. He has been a great help already.

## **POSITIONS NEEDED**

### **Bob Thurman**

#### Treasurer

- Still searching
- Time commitment is about 6-8 hours a month
- Board members asked to keep getting the word out there
- Right now Karen Holt is doing it all and she has a full time job
- We could use some temporary help for her

#### ED Search Update

- There are a few real potential candidates
- An interview team has been set up
- The goal is still to hire by April 1

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Bob Thurman**

#### Board Member Appointment Forms

- Some have been turned in
- Copies of form were available to those who need them

A motion to approve the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Jim Schroeder and seconded by Marnie Ratkovsky. Minutes were approved.

Next board meeting will be March 27<sup>th</sup>.

