



IFM Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, February 28, 2017

Board Officers Present

Sue Van Son, Executive Director
Kate Laferriere, Development Director
Bob Thurman, President
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
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Janet Kelly, Christian Science Church
Keith Johnson for Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible

Absent

Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal

Sue Van Son led us in prayer.

There was a correction to the January meeting minutes. One of the member churches was listed Sierra Center for Positive Living, but it should read Sierra Center for Spiritual Living. With that correction noted, the minutes of the January 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Sue Van Son

North Gold Senior Mountaineers

- Unable to attend as they were not able to get down the hill

Spirit Peer Empowerment

- Janella explained the function of this organization which is funded by the Mental Health Service Act.
- They help people find their own empowerment through support groups, educational training classes, and activities.
- They allow people to cook at their center and are requesting some food from IFM to be used for this purpose
- They try to send homeless back to their camps with cooked food
- A motion was made by Hilary Dart to allow Spirit Peer Empowerment to come to IFM on Thursdays for excess food that does not take away from what is needed for IFM clients. Jeff Hebert seconded the motion and it was approved.

Riverhill Farms

- Alan Haight shared information about the farm that he and his wife operate.
- They sell their produce at farmers' markets and to Briar Patch
- They've been donating food to IFM since 2009 but would like to make contributions more regular
- Various possibilities were discussed
- A small group from IFM will meet with Alan in the near future to formulate a plan to take to the food committee

Ops update

Sue Van Son

Saturday distribution update

- Will begin on May 13th
- Key positions have been filled but the goal is to have a Saturday team, perhaps those who are unable to volunteer during the week
- United Way is committed to work with IFM for 6 months and then will reevaluate
- Kate is working on a public service announcement making it clear that this distribution is specifically for those who are working and can't get to IFM during the week
- We hope to start advertising the last 2 weeks in March

Easter distribution

- Will take place on regular distribution days for two weeks prior to Easter (April 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 14th)
- Extra volunteers are needed for those days
- Clients will be surveyed to see what they think about the convenience but a little less food

Evacuation relief efforts

- IFM sent some of the Monday crew with food to the fair grounds
- Salvation Army was in charge of the food and asked for breakfast food which we provided
- Tuesday crew took additional food

Suite A update

- Project Heart was previously approved to use Suite A twice a week
- They haven't begun as the bathroom is still being worked on
- There could be some property tax issues. Kathy Mollet to followup with the County Assessor
- Clearer guidelines should be ready for the next board meeting

Volunteers needed

- Easter distribution
- Saturday distribution

Food

- We're buying broccoli through the winter months
- Offering soup each week
- New IFM garden in Penn Valley where we are partnering with Placer Food Bank

Fund Development Update

Kate Laferriere

Fill the trailer

- March 31, April 1, April 2 and April 3 at Grocery Outlet
- Shoppers at Grocery Outlet will be asked to donate food items we most need
- Volunteers are needed to hand out a list of what we need and to collect these items and place them in the trailer that will be located outside the exit door
- Each member church is asked to select a two hour time slot and provide four volunteers for that time

Matching update

- Runs for the month of March
- Five families, including two board members, have provided funds up to \$35,000 so that donations during March will be doubled
- Board members were encouraged to talk this up and get matching envelopes to people not on our current mailing list

30th Anniversary Proclamation

- On February 14th IFM was recognized by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for 30 years of service to Nevada County.
- Many volunteers attended
- There is a plaque hanging in the back room recognizing IFM's efforts in feeding the hungry of Nevada County

Gala Update

- It will be held on May 6th
- Thanks was given to Hilary Dart for helping out with the dessert auction
- Generous donations are coming in for the live and silent auctions
- We could use two more table sponsors
- Some help is needed for check in and check out

Run for Hunger Update

- Will be held a Saturday or Sunday in September
- A committee of runners is putting it together
- Run is through historic Grass Valley
- Opening up IFM to a new group of people

Center for the Arts

- IFM is the nonprofit partner for March

Grants

- Pallet lifter has arrived through a grant from Teichart
- IFM has requested a \$4200 grant from Teichart to fix the rain gutters. We'll know in June.

General Business

Bob Thurman

Treasurer replacement search

- Kathy Mollet, IFM Treasurer, will be leaving IFM by the end of the year
- Kathy will talk with those who are interested
- Kathy briefly explained her job and time commitment
- Replacement should be someone who has some accounting skills and is comfortable presenting at meetings
- Bob will send out the criteria for the job soon and will post the position at RSVP and CNL.

Pastor Meeting

- Is there a need for an annual meeting where the member church pastors can share their ideas regarding IFM
- They are invited to the annual meeting and the first hour could be used for this purpose, but do they need a different time to gather?
- Board members were asked to check with their pastors to see if they would be interested in a separate lunch meeting or a 9:00 meeting.
- Do they get the newsletter? Would they like to get it?

The next IFM Board meeting will be March 28th.