



IFM Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, March 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
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Janet Kelly, Christian Science Church
Keith Johnson, Unitarian Universalist
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
Joe Chown for Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible

Absent

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Bob Thurman shared the news that Leal Portis, board member from Unitarian Universalist, passed away last week. Keith Johnson was present in her place and let us know that plans for a memorial are pending.

Sue Van Son led us in prayer.

The minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ops Update

Sue Van Son

Saturday distribution update

- Will begin May 13th
- Interviewers have notes for clients letting them know of the 2nd Saturday of the month distribution for working clients
- This is being shared with other groups in Nevada County so they can refer their working clients
- Good collaboration is happening – Placer Food Bank is looking for more produce for IFM and Nevada County Food Bank will provide a truck for an extra Raley's pick up on Friday afternoon

Easter distribution

- For the next 2 weeks the Easter meal will be given to clients during their regular visit
- Client feedback in advance of this distribution has been positive

Case Study – Public Health and Nutrition Policy Institute

- The state of California is interested in how Public Health can collaborate with local agencies.
- On April 26h there will be a gathering of Public Health, IFM Executive Board, and some IFM clients

Suite A use update

- Project Heart is not yet meeting in suite A as the bathroom is not finished. They have met our requirements and will be allowed to meet there once the bathroom is completed.
- The IFM Executive Committee recommends we not make IFM available to other groups as it is a lot more complicated than anticipated.

CalFresh update

- 211 will not be coming any more
- Connie Mattis will be in 2 days a month, and she is now setting up appointments with clients who qualify.

Calendar update

- Hunger Run – Saturday, Sept. 16th
- An updated calendar will be on the IFM website. Bob Thurman encouraged board members to become familiar with the website and the information contained there.

Volunteers needed

- Names of volunteers filling shifts for Fill the Trailer still needed from some churches

Love in Nevada County – April 29th

- Various congregations and groups involved
- A day of providing help with cleaning up in Nevada County
- Groups decide where to send their volunteers
- IFM will be receiving help with general clean up

Food

- Sue talked with Alan Haight from Riverhill Farms
He will give IFM wholesale prices
Plant a Space was also discussed. Donations could be made to help Alan make better use of his land in order to raise more produce. This could possibly involve Briar Patch.
- Bob Thurman attended a Food Policy Council meeting where the idea was promoted that we try to buy locally grown food if it is economically feasible. Food Hub is interested in helping with this by providing transportation for this locally grown produce.
- Briar Patch is looking at their sources to see who can bring more produce to them, and IFM already picks up there.
They are helping us make connections to get live protein processed
They would like to donate food for our cooking classes

Fund Development Update

Kate Laferriere

Matching update

- We have met our \$35,000 matching goal
- To date we have over \$83,000
- Kathy Mollet will provide exact numbers at our next meeting

Fill the trailer

- March 31, April 1, April 2 and April 3 at Grocery Outlet
- Kate will have fliers for food items we need at the beginning of each day

Gala Update

- Generous donations continue to come in for the live and silent auctions
- A list of auction items will go out the middle of April
- We could use one more table sponsor

Grants

- Teichart has received our grant proposal.
- United Way - Our proposal will go to their grant committee soon. A group from United Way will come to IFM for their review process May 18-21.

Volunteer luncheon

- Early June
- Peace Lutheran church

General Business

Bob Thurman

Treasurer replacement job description posting

- Kathy Mollet will stay until we find someone qualified
- Kathy has things very well set up and organized
- Some interviews are starting to take place but we need more candidates

- Board Members are encouraged to get the word out, and Bob thanked them for all they do.

Pastor Meeting – input from Pastors?

- Is there an interest from pastors in having a dedicated meeting? Lunch? Another time?
- There could be a dialogue about IFM and its long-term directions
- Members asked to get feedback by the next meeting regarding interest, time, and topic

Clients

- Bob reminded us that we need to keep the clients at the forefront of our thinking
- Kate shared a story of two young clients who were interviewed for a Facebook video
It was so important to them that they are treated with respect each time they come to IFM and everyone, volunteers as well as other clients, are so nice to them.
- Jim Schroeder shared how clients respond well to and appreciate the friendly way of the volunteers

Next Board Meeting – April 25th

