



IFM Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, September 26, 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
Nancy Senger for Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Keith Johnson for Anne Lyon, Unitarian Universalist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian

Absent

Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Janet Kelly, Christian Science Church
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran

Sue Van Son shared with the board that Toni Thompson and Peggy Levine passed away within the last couple of days, and then she led us in prayer.

The minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Update

Kathy Mollet

Treasurer Partial Replacement

- A treasurer is still needed, more of an oversight position
- Karen Holt, the assistant treasurer, will take over some of the bookkeeping and payroll
- Kathy will automate the payroll

City Homeless Meeting Update

Rick Kahil and Kate Laferriere

- Universalist Unitarian Church hosted a presentation on homelessness in Nevada County
- Heidi Hall, accompanied by Brendon Phillips, presented
- Official count in Nevada County is 371, but the county doubles that number because so many don't come in for the count
- Homeless are not being bussed into Grass Valley
25% have lived here all their lives
Another 38% have lived here more than 15 years
A total of 79% have been here more than 2 years
85% have family in Nevada County
- Nevada County recognizes that there is a housing & wage crisis
Looking for appropriate housing possibilities
Priority is housing first while looking to put together a whole wrap around program
- Other communities are grappling with the same issues

OPS UPDATE

Sue Van Son

Monitor

- Emily was introduced as our new security monitor
- She will work in the client area during our distribution hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a salary and benefits of \$7,000 a year
- Jeff Hebert will serve as her backup in a volunteer capacity

Saturday distribution

- Will continue on the 2nd Saturday of the month for another 6 months
- Hours will be 10:00-12:00
- United Way will continue to provide much of the funding and a core team for distribution
- IFM will provide the supervisors and those who work in the client area
- Will reevaluate in April at the 1 year mark

GVPD

- Sue talked with the Grass Valley Police Department and they report less trash, less discarded food and less cooking over an open fire since IFM modified some distribution policies

CalFresh contract

- We've renewed our contract.
- Connie Mattis will continue to sign up clients who are interested
- Emily will be in the client area and will be able to canvas to see who might be able to use their services
- We will be able to bill for her services

Cooking classes

- Recent cooking classes have been held at the Briar Patch Cooking School
- Many were signed up and called to remind them of the class, but not many show up
- Nancy Koring reported that we had a total of 10 clients for 2 cooking classes
- Those who attended loved it

Food and Holiday meal program

- We will continue to give out the holiday meals on regular distribution days the 2 weeks prior to the holiday
- The Food Bank is hoping to provide us with small turkeys for families of 1 or 2
- Some people will coming in with vouchers from Food Bank, Ladies' Relief Society, and Salvation Army

Mountain Bounty Farms

- They've asked if they can use our parking lot to distribute their fresh produce box to EBT card holders

Volunteers

- We really need drivers
 - Tuesday could use a couple more packers
 - Grocery Store Ambassador Team
- Kate explained the need for volunteers to be outside the markets when they are raising money for IFM
Great for Youth Groups or families who want to volunteer together
Flexible hours
Just smile and greet the shoppers

Fund Development Update

Kate Laferriere

Safeway's "Hunger Is" program

- This is a new program to promote a healthy breakfast and alleviate childhood hunger
- 9/15-10/15
- Our Grass Valley Safeways are raising money and all proceeds will go to IFM
- Safeway has asked IFM to have at least 4 Facebook posts as to how this money has helped us

September Hunger Action Month & Food Drive

- Food has been coming in from the churches
- Board members were asked to take pictures of the food being collected and send them to Kate

Paulettes fundraiser

- Kate expressed thanks to those who have sold their tickets for the spaghetti dinner on Oct. 6th
- She still needs a few more volunteers for that night

Community Services Block Grant

- There is some extra grant money available
- IFM is looking for some of this for holiday meal food

Facebook

- Kate encourage members to go to IFM's Facebook page and "like" IFM
- It really lets people know what we're doing
- Members were also encourage to check out the new videos

General Business

Bob Thurman

Employee handbook revision

- Bob will work on it

- California Chamber of Commerce has an automated program to create an employee handbook that will be in compliance with the law

Solar output update

- Bob has been working with DC Solar to see why we're spending more than we should be for our power
- DC Solar is working on what can be done

Food Bank relationship

- Sue and Bob talked about how much more we can do working together
- John Voter, Board President of the Food Bank, may attend one of our upcoming meetings

Pastor meeting

- September 27th at noon
- Light lunch provided
- Bob thanked the members for their support in inviting the member pastors to attend

Next board meeting is October 24th.

