



## **IFM Annual Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, September 27, 2016**

### **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**

Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Positive Living  
Debbie Hofen, Twin Cities  
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist  
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V  
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist  
Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist  
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal  
Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran  
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian  
Tim Gizzi, Calvary Bible

### **Absent**

Judy Ludlum, Grace Lutheran  
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist  
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's  
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic  
Jan Kelly, Christian Science Church

**Sue Van Son led prayer**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Bob Thurman**

Tim Gizzi was introduced as the probable new board member for Calvary Bible Church.

Tim will meet with the board president and the executive director to discuss the role of board representative and church volunteer coordinator.

Deaconess Elizabeth Froh from Grace Lutheran Church explained “The Hangout”. Grace Lutheran provides a place where students, mainly from Nevada Union, can come after school. There are also some students from Sierra College who work as volunteers. Up to 40 students a day take advantage of a place to be and the food that is made available to them. For some of these students it’s their only meal of the day.

A discussion followed regarding IFM providing some food that we do not buy to Deaconess Froh one time a week to be used to feed the students who utilize “The Hangout”. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to do so.

Fred Viola, a probation officer, explain Project H.E.A.R.T. Inc. (Holding Excellence Above Relapse Team).

It has been in existence for 6 years and it was started “to provide a group of true friends who support a consistent atmosphere that is safe, moral, ethical, and legal” for those “caught in the cycle of life damaging issues such as family and relational discord, substance abuse and criminal activity.” The group for women meets on Mondays at 6:00 pm and the group for men meets on Thursdays at 5:00pm. They have outgrown the space they are currently using for their meetings, and it was proposed that Suite A and the patio area at IFM could be used for these meetings. A discussion followed. It was moved, seconded, and approved that IFM allows the use of Suite A and the patio area for Project H.E.A.R.T. for approximately 3 hours a week during non usage hours pending insurance checks and the signing of a facilities use agreement.

## **FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

### **Kate Laferriere**

Holiday Adopt a Family Program coming soon

- IFM depends upon and appreciates our Board members’ creative efforts to sell the \$20 gift cards
- Gift cards will be ready for Board members at the October Board Meeting.
- Now is a good time to plan on how to sell the cards
- Campaign is November through December 16th

Grant Update

- Applied for a grant for Wow Butter from Briar Patch. A board member stated that the Briar Patch Newsletter stated that IFM received the grant
- Applied to Tiechert Solutions for funds to cover a palette lift. Fred Tiechert visited IFM on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will know in December.
- \$6000 received from Grocery Outlet.

Grilles and Grills

- IFM won second place for BBQ ribs
- Thanks to Jim Schroeder and Rick Kahil, Board members who participated in the barbecue

Paulette’s Spaghetti Dinner – Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

- More help still needed – see Kate
- Reminder to board members to sell tickets and have the money in before the dinner

- Wear your IFM shirt if you have one (new ones now available)

#### SPD and SaveMart Signups

- Thanks to Marnie Ratkovskiy and Debi Johnson, Board members who helped with signups outside of these markets
- 126 new signups at Grass Valley SPD
- 76 new signups at SaveMart

#### KVMR radio show

- Town Hall broadcast format once a quarter
- Want to do one about hunger – hour 1 about the problem , hour 2 about possible solutions
- IFM would be part of the broadcast

#### **Kate Laferriere and Bob Thurman**

##### Postal Workers Food Drive

- Cancelled because the attorney for the postal service viewed IFM as a religious organization and the postal service cannot be seen as supporting religious organizations.
- IFM is a 501c3 non profit public benefit corporation.
- Discussion is ongoing but there was not enough time to resolve the issue before the drive
- In order to go forward, IFM would have had to pay the 22 cent postage fee times 38,000 post cards that are distributed.

#### **Sue Van Son**

##### CalFresh Signup Update

- We have 4 IFM volunteers who will receive training from the county.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month they'll help clients sign up for CalFresh

##### Homeless policy

- Most homeless clients really like the new policy
- New bags better meet their needs
- They are given food that needs no cooking or refrigeration

##### Nevada County Foodbank Collaboration

- We will receive some holiday food from them, but there will be no other collaboration
- Our families and theirs will receive holiday meals.

##### Volunteers needed

- 2 or 3 drivers are needed for 2 shifts a month from approximately 8:00-10:00.

##### Cooking classes in October

- 4 crockpot cooking classes for clients
- They will get a crockpot if they don't have one

##### Raley's portable produce van

- We are talking with them about the possibility of it coming to IFM

## Diabetes

- Sugary drinks, which we no longer make available to clients, now have a warning label that they are a leading contributor to type 2 diabetes, obesity and tooth decay.
- We will be looking for ways to help our clients know what to do about diabetes.

## **Bob Thurman**

### Nevada County Food Policy Council

- Bob Thurman is the IFM representative
- Still in its beginning stages and setting goals
- Want to map all of the assets in Nevada County that have to do with providing food
- Malaika Bishop will present at our next board meeting
- It is a long-term project

Board meeting next month on 10/25/16