



IFM Annual Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, June 28, 2016

Board Officers Present

Kate Laferriere, Development Director
Bob Thurman, President
Rick Kahil, Vice-President
Kathy Mollet, Treasurer
Susie Nelson, Secretary

Board Members Present

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
Jan Kelly, Christian Scientist Church
Brian Short for Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian

Absent:

Sue Van Son, Executive Director
Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Positive Living
Debbie Hofen for Lani Brunmeier, Twin Cities
Judy Ludlum, Grace Lutheran
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
Calvary Bible

Rick Kahil read a poem "Volunteers Are Like a Ray of Sunshine" in lieu of prayer.

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL UPDATE

Bob Thurman

Discussion was opened with regard to SNAP signup resource. The County wants to fund the collection of client

information to highlight potential SNAP clients. The information will be gathered either by either volunteers (in which case IFM would receive money to be used to purchase additional food) or by paid individuals specifically designated for that purpose.

It was suggested these volunteers be new rather than sourcing volunteers with computer experience through existing volunteer base. Also suggested three people each doing one four hour shift per week.

Diane Chang and Debi Johnson were interested in participating as possible volunteers.

Rick Kahil was tasked with organizing a meeting to discuss further.

SOLAR PROJECT

Panels are up but not operational yet – awaiting PGE approval.

PLUG IN PARTY

Nancy Koring gave a brief overview of the Plug in Party beginning with a thank you the volunteers who helped to make it happen.

The party was a success as far as food and entertainment, however, the turnout disappointing with the number in attendance 13 (23 with volunteers).

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW

Bob Thurman assembling input from team on Kate Laferriere's first three month's on the job. Update to follow.

CALVARY BIBLE

Still no board rep from Calvary Bible most likely reducing member church count from 15 to 14. Bob T to provide formal request/notification to Calvary indicating need to fulfill Board member obligation.

FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kathy Mollet

GRANTS

Approved

USDA - \$29.8K (Solar)

CSBG - \$31.8K (2 years/Food)

United Way - \$9K (Meat)

GV Elks - \$2K (Eggs/Nut Butter)

Soroptomists - \$1K (Garden)

Save Mart - \$3K (Eggs/Nut Butter)

Clean Power Coop - \$1K (Solar)

In Process

Wells Fargo Foundation – \$12K (Eggs/Nut Butter)
Walmart - \$.5K

A discussion was opened before the board members suggesting opening a checking account at Wells Fargo to increase chances of grant approval. As Tri-Counties, IFM's present bank, has inadequate systems in place, it was further suggested eventually moving all accounts to Wells Fargo at a future date.

Motion to open a checking account at Wells Fargo Bank and eventually move all IFM accounts to Wells Fargo from Tri-Counties Bank approved unanimously. Wells Fargo account shall have same signing authority as Tri-Counties.

Grants Denied

Sierra Medical Foundation

Budgeted grants \$88.8, Approved YTD \$94.1

MATCHING CAMPAIGN

2015 (2 Mo.)

Matching 35K
Total \$94,922

2016 (1 Mo.)

Matching 40K
Total \$100,902

Lessons Learned:

- One month sufficient
- Need more matchers
- Lots of personal touch to matchers
- Fast response on thank you letters
- Worth repeating

Kate Laferriere

SAVE MART

The Union announced Save Mart had given IFM a \$3,000 grant which was never received. Kate initiated inquiries inside Save Mart (apparently undergoing a corporate restructuring) and this is ongoing.

Card program no longer in effect at Save Mart to track money donated to IFM. Escript is the new program. Kate is set up to power register shoppers interested in participating in the program. She will gather multiple names and get them set up in the system. Blank forms for signing up were distributed to board members for names to be gathered in their congregations.

Sue Van Son advised Kate that since card system has been defunct monies coming from the program to IFM have gone down.

BEEF RAFFLE

Despite a substantial media push only 38 raffle tickets have been sold for the beef raffle. With 3 days left members were asked to spread the word.

A general discussion was held on whether board members or their families should be allowed to participate with the conclusion being more harm than good would be gained by this.

There will be no board meeting in July.