



IFM Annual Meeting of the Board and Member Churches, August 23, 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
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Jan Kelly, Christian Science Church
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
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Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian

Absent

Judy Ludlum, Grace Lutheran
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Cheri Eckholt, Grass Valley United Methodist
Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
Calvary Bible

Sue Van Son led prayer

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Kathy Mollet

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND TRENDS

Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss to Budget and Commentary were reviewed with the board
Possibility of a loan paydown or other possible project to be determined by year end

CLIENT STATS AND TRENDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

Rick Kahil

Current client profile, number of visits, and amount of food provided was presented to the board.
The following facts were noted;

- The number of families who used our services decreased 3%
- Client visits were down 10%
- The number of people served was down 12%
- The number of bags increased showing more food being given

It was assumed these changes were due, at least in part, to the decrease in unemployment.

FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kate Laferriere

Grants

A grants update was presented to the board. It was divided into the following:

- Granted – Awarded \$125K with \$81.3K recognized for 2016
- In process – Submitted
- Remaining to do in 2016
- Denied

Grills and Grilles

Kate thanked Rick Kahil and Jim Schroeder in advance for their barbecuing efforts at this event sponsored by United Way.

Tickets available at the gate may be used for tastings, beverages, and voting for best barbecue team.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH – September

Postal Workers"Food Drive

Headed by John Tracy

Trying it on a Saturday this year, - September 24th

Drivers and food sorters are needed for Saturday and Sunday

Post cards will go out several days in advance of the drive

Board members are asked to find creative ways to promote it

Jim "salts" his neighborhood to remind people about the drive.

SaveMart and SPD (Grass Valley)

Both stores have agreed to have volunteers at booths set up outside their stores talking with customers and encouraging them to sign up for SPD's community card or SaveMart's e-script, both of which give a 3% return on purchases to IFM.

Volunteers are needed to work 2 hour shifts on the following dates:

9/16 & 9/17 SPD

9/24&9/25 SaveMart

Paulette's Spaghetti Dinner

Scheduled for October 7th

Need to check with United Way since October is their big fundraising month

Benefit-mobile

Kate wants to test drive this ap.

e-script mobile

You buy a gift card, and it stays on your phone until used up.

Different vendors return various percentages to IFM with benefit mobile keeping track and sending a check to IFM

OPS UPDATE

Sue Van Son

Pews outside of IFM building will be removed. Cigarettes and some drug paraphernalia have been found stuffed between cushions creating a dangerous situation.

Box storage area will be locked.

A small crew is needed to maintain the small garden at IFM.

Some weeding, deep watering, and pruning are needed.

Let Sue know of anyone who may be interested.

Sue and Bob are trying to meet with the Food Bank. As of now, we will not be collaborating with them for holiday distribution

GENERAL ITEMS

Kathy Mollet and Sue Van Son

SNAP/Cal Fresh Sign-Ups

Contract is being prepared

Project would train an IFM volunteer to be on sight to talk with clients to see if they qualify

Job description will be coming

Volunteer would help qualifying clients fill out forms

We will ask Cal Fresh for the money for a computer and necessary supplies

We will bill them for our services

It will mean about \$15,000 to IFM

Looking at a 1 year contract and then we'll evaluate

Sue Van Son

Raley's Food for Families

Money collected saved IFM \$9,000 in milk costs

Food Committee

Made some changes based on client interviews

Clients most want protein and produce, not sodas and pastries

Eggs are the most wanted protein – easy to cook and versatile

Eggs have been increased by ½ dozen for everyone

Eggs and peanut butter are now offered to everyone

Ground turkey always a meat option

Recent client interviews showed many clients thought all of our food was donated.

New boards in the front are being used to inform clients of the purchases and deliberate choices we are making.

Bob Thurman

Solar Project

Solar is up and running.

There is a live website that monitors our production. It showed IFM produces enough power to power 113 houses.

DC Solar guarantees that we will produce X amount of power or they will add more solar panels.

Nevada County Food Policy Council

Headed up by Sierra Harvest

The Council is working to create a stronger 'food system' in Nevada County

IFM is a member with Bob as our representative. IFM's role is yet to be determined as this council is still in its beginning stages.

Council is looking for funding to contribute to the first phase, asking members to contribute \$25 or more.

After some discussion it was determined that this council fits our mission.

A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$100 to support costs of a food mapping analysis to the Food Policy Council.

Calvary Bible

A board member and volunteer coordinator are still needed.

Bob will try to make contact one more time.

Development Director

Kate Laferriers's 3 month review was conducted by the executive board. Both the board and Kate are very happy with how things are going.

The next meeting will be 9/27/16.