

**INTERFAITH FOOD MINISTRY
BOARD MEETING**

May 24, 2016

Board Officers Present:

Sue Van Son, Executive Director
Kate Laferriere, Development Director
Bob Thurman, President
Rick Kahil, Vice-President
Kathy Mollet, Treasurer
Susie Fatheree, Substitute Secretary

Board Members Present:

Hilary Dart, Sierra Center for Positive Living
Sue Van Son (substitute for Debi Hofen), Twin Cities
Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
Debi Johnson, First Baptist, G.V
Rick Kahil, Grass Valley United Methodist
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's
Jeff Hebert, St. Canice Catholic
Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
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Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran

Absent:

Judy Ludlum, Grace Lutheran
Jen Kelly, Christian Scientist Church
Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
Calvary Bible

Prayer: Sue Van Son led members in prayer

Introductions

MOTION: To approve April 2016 meeting minutes.

- Jeff moved, motion was seconded, that the 4/2016 Board Minutes be approved as distributed; motion carried.

Executive Director Update - Sue Van Son

Volunteer Lunch - Kate Laferriere

- 60+ volunteers attended the luncheon
- Nutrition policy was presented

SaveMart cards- Kate Laferriere

- Cards are being changed to eScript
 - Card not needed, identification will be based on phone number
 - Board members should take sign-up sheets to churches, family and friends
 - We will also sign-up clients
- This has been a good source of revenue, approximately \$1,000/quarter

Food & General Operations

- Clients will be educated on nutrition policy
 - Turkey and bean recipes will be given out by the interviewers
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa will be visiting IFM 5/31

SNAP Signup Resource

- Mike Dent, NC Health & Human Services Director has offered to provide funding to IFM to hire a part-time, contract employee to sign clients up for SNAP
 - Administrative and equipment costs could be included in the contract (1-2 years)
 - Executive Committee will meet to make a recommendation re accepting this funding

Transient Issues

- Transients continue to be a problem
- Have had police involved
- Putting double locks (key & code) on gates
- Putting post and chains in area in back to prevent car parking/drug dealing

Solar Project - Bob Thurman

- Grant has been approved
- Permit applications have been submitted to City/County
- County is requesting structural information
- Still hoping to install by early June
- Some tree removal is required; crane to assist in this has been donated
- Will have a "Plug-In Party" 6/17, 5:00-7:00 PM for donors and officials

Fund Development Update - Kate Laferriere

- \$2,000 donated by Elks
- \$1,000 donated by Kiwanis
- \$1,000 donated by GV Soroptimist for IFM garden
- Grant writing continues

United Way - Kathy Mollet

- Citizen Review Panel visited recently
- IFM has requested \$19,000 to purchase protein

Matching Campaign - Kathy Mollet

- \$89,398 received as of this morning
- Matching goal funds received in 18 days
- Average donation was \$204 and there was a single donation of \$10,000
- Funds will be used to purchase food

Help - Side of Beef

- Bart Riebe purchased the Grand Champion Steer at last year's fair and donated it to IFM as a fund raiser in memory of his friends: Lowell Robinson & Orson Hansen
- It is being proposed that 70 tickets for \$100 each be sold
 - Alternate suggestion was made to sell 100 tickets for \$100 each and award $\frac{1}{4}$ instead of $\frac{1}{2}$
 - IFM sponsors will be given first opportunity to purchase tickets; what remains will be open to the public
 - Ticket sales will end 6/30
- Drawing will be held 7/2 or 7/4

Donor Recognition

- Jim and Rick will represent IFM at the United Way BBQ Cook-Off in August

Upcoming Events - Shred Day

- Was held this past Saturday
- This year collected \$4,376 versus \$3,500 last year

Paulette's

- Spaghetti Feed fund raiser will be held in early November

Nevada County Food Bank Update - Bob Thurman

- IFM goal with Food Bank is collaboration
- ED Toni will be leaving at the end of the year and they are looking for a replacement
- 2/9 Board members have left, but it doesn't appear there is a Board "crisis"
- Would like to have an IFM representative on their Board to increase collaboration

Calvary Bible Church (CBC) Update - Bob Thurman

- CBC has had inconsistent representation on the IFM Board, despite communication with them.
- Board representation is required to be an IFM Member Church.
- There are only two volunteers from their church
- With regret a letter will be sent to Calvary within 30 days requesting Board representation. If no response within 30 days after that CBC will no longer be considered as a Member Church.

Miscellaneous:

- Will try to use Facebook to tell clients stories rather than continuously asking for donations
- July Board meeting will be skipped
- 6/4 Relay for Life will also be a food drive for IFM

Close - Our next meeting is June 28, 2016. No meeting in July