

Convene: The meeting was convened at 9:10 AM

Prayer: The Board was led in prayer by Eileen Smith LeVan, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church

Attending:

Officers:

- President Bob Thurman
- Treasurer Kathy Mollet
- Substitute Secretary Susie Fatheree
- Sue Van Son, Executive Director

Board Members:

- Jeff Hebert, St. Canice
- Lani Brunmeier, Twin Cities
- Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist
- Janet Kelly, Christian Science
- Jim Schroeder, Peace Lutheran
- Pam Sufleski, Sierra Presbyterian
- Nancy Koring, St Patricks
- Marnie Ratkovsky, Emmanuel Episcopal
- Diane Chang, Seventh Day Adventist
- Leal Portis, Unitarian Universalist
- Debi Johnson, First Baptist Grass Valley

Absent:

- Representative from Calvary Bible
- Judy Ludlum, Grace Lutheran
- Gabrielle Boulard, Sierra Center for Positive Living
- Cheri Eckholt, GV United Methodist
- Vice President Rick Kahil

Guests: Peace Lutheran Church Pastor Eileen Smith LeVan and husband Brian

A quorum was established.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the August 2015 meeting minutes.

Sun for Food - Solar Project/Financial Review and Request for Motion to Approve (Kathy Mollet)

- Current cost for electricity is \$7,000/year, which will likely increase by 4-5%/year
- Using the lowest bid plus contingency funds plus pre-installation work the project may cost up to \$100,000.
- The project has a 25 year life; IFM owns the building and expects to occupy it for many years.

- Project can be financed partly through IFM funds over \$200k reserve, USDA grant (application in process), and tbd Sun For Food fundraiser.
- Likely community concerns:
 - Aesthetic: Pres. Bob has contacted neighbors who do not express any concerns
 - Food: funds should be primarily spent on food; over the life of the project more funds will be available to purchase food.
- Benefits:
 - Decreased electrical and operation costs (more funds for food)
 - Decreased greenhouse gases
 - Improved roof (cooler in the summer)
- Motion by Nancy Koring, seconded by Leal Portis:
 - Pursue installation of solar even if we are not successful in obtaining grants to offset some of the cost,
 - IFM to spend up to \$100,000 on solar (includes contingency of 7% or \$7,000,
 - Grant Committee is approved to pursue up to 3 grants to offset the cost to install solar (USDA and two others (long shot at obtaining),
 - IFM Sun for Food event could be used to generate solar funding.
 - Motion passed
 - This PowerPoint presentation is on the IFM website

Executive Committee Update

- Executive Director Job Review: The executive committee has been generally reviewing the key components of the ED position. Over the next several weeks they will be closely tracking these components to determine how much time each takes and to prioritize them. Ultimately they will determine if some can be eliminated or need to be assumed by someone else, perhaps hiring an additional person. This will be discussed at the 10/1 executive committee meeting.
- Town Hall Forum On Homelessness Review: presented by Pres. Bob
 - Meeting was led by a consultant on homelessness, Bob Marbut
 - Need to elevate the homeless issue and develop coordinated solutions
 - Issue of working poor who are on the verge of homelessness
 - City and County officials have to make this a priority
 - There should be opportunities for those receiving services to give back to the community

Executive Director Update - Sue Van Son

- Food & Food Needed:
 - Four pigs from the fair were donated, butchered and have mostly been distributed.
- The Grand Champion Steer from the fair was donated, butchered and wrapped and is to be auctioned off as a fund raiser.
- Volunteers (Key Positions Needed)

- Drivers (5-6)
- Facility Director (overall responsibility for maintenance)
- Additional member of the Fund Raising Team
- Public relations
- Calendar/Event Reminders
 - Today is the postal workers food drive; additional help is needed tomorrow to sort food.
 - Sponsor a family for the holidays with a \$20 donation; can give these to family and friends—IFM will send a gift card to the donor (include phone and email on check)
 - Approximately \$5,600-\$5,700 was made from the spaghetti dinner at Paulette's; this was lower than expected because of a competing fundraising dinner in the community; will make a banner to be hung at Paulette's as a thank-you.
- Nutrition Policy Mtg Update: first meeting was last week and this should be a great collaboration between IFM/Food Bank/Public Health Department
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Meal Plan
 - Because of unexpected expenditures the Food Bank will not be able to do Thanksgiving for their clients and ours; negotiations have resulted in a solution: FB will give all the meal sides they had saved and IFM was able to buy turkeys at a good price; FB will provide 20 volunteers; food distribution for all clients will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Center for Nonprofit Leadership "Getting to Great" - A workshop to enhance your role as Board member. This begins 9/29, 5:00 – 8:00 PM; if interested let Bob know by 9/25.

Old Business - IFM Bylaw Update: pending

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM - Our next meeting is October 27.