



Interfaith Food Ministry

Feeding Families, Fueling Hope

February 26 Board Meeting – IFM

The meeting, at the prospective new facility opened with an inspirational piece from the Unitarian Universalist community, read by Bob Thurman.

Board members in attendance:

Gabrielle Boulard, Sierra Center for Positive Living
Judie St. John, Twin Cities Church
Pat Paddock, Unitarian Universalist Community
Rick Kahil, Grass Valley United Methodist
Mary Albrecht, Grace Lutheran Church
Nels Nelson, Christian Science Church
Bill Dempsey, Sierra Presbyterian Church
Nancy Koring, St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Dave Barber, Calvary Bible
Mark Parker, Emmanuel Episcopal
Bernie Delgado, St. Canice Catholic Church
Debi Johnson, First Baptist Church, Grass Valley
Diane Chang, Grass Valley Seventh Day Adventist
Joan Denzler, Sierra Pines Methodist Church
Bob Fulkerson, Peace Lutheran Church

Four officers and seven volunteers also attended.

Item: Approval of January Minutes

Action : Approved with one correction. Barbara Hurley, St. Patrick's, added to list of board members attending January meeting.

Item: Treasurer's Report

-- Financial reports and fact sheets will now be quarterly rather than monthly to better show trends.

-- As a tax filing requirement, officers and board members completed distributed forms re not hiring family members for contract IFM jobs



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Item: Food Report

- Starting March 1, clients can get staples once a month, with the option to pick staples any time during month.
- Easter – “Drive Through Holiday.” Clients will go to Church of Christ nearby to get holiday food separate from regular distribution at IFM to avoid back-ups.
- Food needed: stuffing, applesauce, pudding, pancake batter, syrup, ramen, and Mac and Cheese

Action: Sue authorized to give food to Bear River High school program, which is starting Jr. High program. (note: In future will give Ex. Dir. more leeway on such decisions without board vote.)

Item: Volunteers Needed

IFM will focus on volunteer recruitment in the future. VP of Operations needed. Board asked to look for volunteer for this position.

Item: Partnering Against Hunger

Expansion to better serve clients is in progress.

- Real estate offer has been agreed to: 45-day contingency time.
- Parking area and other needs to be determined
- USDA loan requirements complicated. Goal is to pay off in 5 years.
- Strategic plan for 5 years needed.

Action : Motion – Bob and Sue (with Dick S.) authorized to spend up to \$25,000 from the building fund in support of the building project. Passed
Motion 2 – Bob and Sue (with Dick S.) to be given signing authority pertaining to moving forward regarding real estate at 440 Henderson St. for next 45 days. Passed.

Item: Fund Raising

- Spaghetti dinner at Paulette’s set for April 5. Flyers and tickets distributed.
- Grants – Sue is pursuing grants from United Way and Community Service Block Grants
- June 22 event at Fairgrounds. Aimed at targeted group of community leaders, not general public. Individuals will be encouraged to purchase table of tickets.

Unfinished Business



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Item: Vote on establishing position of Executive Director with salary (part-time) of \$20,000, starting March 1, with position to be reviewed periodically.

Action: Vote on Position established and offered to Sue Van Son. Approved.

--Roles of Executive Director and President clarified in list distributed.

-- Board members encouraged to share thoughts on long-term IFM goals. Future conversations needed.

New Business

Item: New Committees

-- Committee to determine the Executive Director's success criteria: Gabrielle Boulard, Bernie Kringle, Diane Chang (Rick Kahil as consultant when needed)

-- Committee to support development of long-term IFM strategy: Bob Thurman, Bernie Delgado, Sue Van Son, Gabrielle Boulard, Diane Chang

Item: Board meeting format

-- Day-to-day issues not to be included

Next Meeting: March 26, 9:30 a.m. IFM