**Marion-Polk Food Share**

**Governance Committee Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

**Board Members Attending**: Cheryl Wells, Bernadette Mele, John Burt

**Staff Members Attending:** Rick Gaupo,Cheryl Young

**Board Recruitment**

 **Chemeketa** ***Julie Huckestein***, President of Chemeketa Community College, will be joining the board. ***John Burt*** has had a connection to ***Julie*** through the farm program. He described ***Julie*** as down-to-earth and interested in what we are doing. ***Julie*** is a partner in the Food Share’s Youth Farm move to Chemeketa.

 **Grand Ronde *Brenda Tuomi***, Tribal Council member, will be joining the board. ***Cheryl Wells*** described ***Brenda’s*** personal commitment to her community, wanting to give back. ***Cheryl***was delighted to report that ***Brenda*** exudes enthusiasm and compassion, with a background in education. ***Brenda***’s husband volunteers frequently at Iskǝm MekhMǝk-Haws.

 **Norpac *Rick*** will follow up with potential board members from Norpac.

 **Salem Health** We will pursue a board member from Salem Hospital in the future.

***Cheryl*** added that the two new board members are very different with different skill sets. ***Cheryl*** will briefly introduce ***Brenda*** at the September board member, where the formal vote for board membership takes place, then ***Brenda*** will introduce herself. ***John*** will similarly briefly introduce ***Julie***. ***Rick*** added that the recruitment effort that will begin in September will focus on skills rather than partnerships.

Discussion followed regarding new board member orientation.  ***Rick*** will have ***Rebecca*** schedule joint half-hour time slots with department heads after the September board meeting. In addition, a series of activities will be coordinated to introduce new board members to various Food Share programs, deepening engagement. Other possibilities were also considered:

* Pairing new board members with an established board member
* Increasing the depth of all board members’ engagement by offering opportunities to volunteer at one food pantry throughout a year, thus creating a relationship with that pantry
* Board members visit with a volunteer, engaging them with a series of questions

**Action Item:** ***Rick*** will follow up with Norpac

**Action Item:** ***Rebecca*** will document skill sets of all board members this fall

**Action Item:** ***Rebecca*** will schedule new board member orientation

**Action Item:** ***Rick***  will create draft of new board member activities to familiarize them to Food Share programs. ***Rebecca***  will coordinate these activities after the September board meeting.

**Action Item:** ***Rick*** will present structure for mentor role at the next Governance Committee meeting. ***Rebecca*** will request board members be a mentor for a new board member.

**Action Item:** ***Rebecca*** will create a list of pantries for year-round volunteering sign-ups

**Denny’s Retirement**

The committee discussed meaningful ways to honor ***Denny Young***’s service to the Food Share. A book of Food Share photographs over the last 20 years will be presented. ***Rick***  will follow up on a meeting time or possible reception to honor Denny and to introduce the new board members in a more social setting.

**Action Item:** ***Rick*** will follow up on a reception to honor Denny

**The next Governance Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.**