



Marion-Polk Food Share
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2016

Board Members Attending: Alex Beamer, Cheryl Wells, Jim Green, Courtney Knox Busch, Dick Yates, Frances Alvarado, Mike Garrison, Eileen Zielinski, George Happ, John Burt

Staff Members Attending: Rick Gaupo, Holly Larson, Rebecca Long, Eileen DiCicco, Corrina Hawkins, Surabhi Mahajan, Mattie Jenkins, Lexi Stickel

Call to Order:

Alex Beamer called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Mission Moment:

Rick Gaupo introduced Mattie Jenkins' Mission Moment. Rick shared that the Food Share is rolling out a three-year strategy to increase the impact of the annual Rotary Club Food Drive. The new approach is to go to all clubs, rather than inviting clubs to a single downtown location. The result is to visit ten clubs during the month of March, with a presentation at each, to remind Rotary members of their impact by investing in the Food Share. Mattie Jenkins, Food Share Staff Accountant, is sharing her story of addiction, homelessness, and hunger, leading her to opportunity via the Food Share's vocational training program. Rick added that Mattie's story has been graciously received, with donations the highest to date.

Finance Update:

Jim Green referred the board to the financial information in the board packets, emphasizing the Food Share's healthy finances. Jim shared that the Finance & Budget Committee reviewed the revised budget and recommends that Rick Gaupo and staff move forward with this budget.

Consent Agenda:

Alex Beamer presented the following consent agenda items:

1. February 2016 board meeting minutes
2. MPFS financial statements ending February 31, 2016
3. Recommended revised FY15-16 budget

Jim Green motioned to approve all consent agenda items, **Eileen Zielinski** seconded, and the motion was unanimously moved.

Development Update:

Corrina Hawkins, the Food Share's Director of Stewardship, presented the Development Update. **Corrina** shared that with one week still to go, the Rotary Drive has surpassed last year's funds raised and has resulted in double the number of new sustainers as last year.

Corrina also announced upcoming sustainer appreciation luncheons: March 31, April 28 & May 19. **Corrina** explained that board members' presence at the luncheons lets donors know their importance to the Food Share. **George Happ** and **Eileen Zielinski** expressed interest, along with those who had already signed up to participate. **Rick Gaupo** added that as ambassadors for the Food Share, board members are building relationships between donors and the Food Share.

Corrina next mentioned grant funding. The City of Salem General Fund approved \$142,000, the highest amount awarded, and more than received last year. **Rick** added that the award is pending City of Salem Council approval.

Corrina shared that the Department of Environmental Quality awarded a one-year grant funding a driver for retail food recovery. **Rick** added that the grant award is an excellent example of Development and Operations working together effectively to increase the Food Share's community impact.

Corrina announced July 9 as the date for Farm to Table, the Food Share's big fundraising event, which replaces Plate Expectations. **Corrina** requested high board attendance to benefit Farm to Table as a whole.

Recommended revised budget & view of FY16-17 & 17-18 budgets:

Rick Gaupo presented a slideshow highlighting the evolution of Food Share goals over the last few years, as it moved from goals set at the individual level, to goals set at the departmental level to now, and beyond, when goals are set via strategic planning and annual plans across the whole organization, flowing down to departments and individuals.

Rick next referred to the Priority Projects Timeline, available in the board packet, which shows where recent efforts have been focused, and where they will be placed in the coming year.

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Alex Beamer adjourned the meeting to executive session at 9:18 a.m.

Call to Order:

Alex Beamer called the general board meeting back to order at 9:29 a.m. **George Happ** motioned to approve the executive session's recommendation for CEO **Rick Gaupo**'s compensation for fiscal year 2016-17, **Cheryl Wells** seconded, and the motion was unanimously moved.

Adjournment:

Alex Beamer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Rebecca Long
Executive Assistant

Esther Puentes
Board Secretary