



Marion-Polk Food Share Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2016

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

Staff Members Attending: Rick Gaupo, Holly Larson, Ian Dixon-McDonald, Julie Hambuchen, Abisha Dunivin, Rebecca Long, Eileen DiCicco, Megan Rivera

Guests Attending: Stephanie Smythe

Call to Order:

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

Guest Introduction & Mission Moment:

Megan Rivera introduced Stephanie Smythe, who volunteered 500 hours chairing Spring Break Lunch 2016. Stephanie presented the Mission Moment, sharing the program's highlights. One change this year was to meet with regional partners individually to get input about their needs, rather than using a steering committee structure. The Food Share also focused on providing healthy, interesting foods at its sites and expanded the number of rural sites. The number of meals provided held steady within traditional annual fluctuations. The Food Share continued to partner with many entities and individuals. The downtown Salem Rotary expanded services by providing new Spanish language books.

New Partner Agency:

Megan Rivera introduced Keizer Community Dinner as a prospective partner agency. Keizer Community Dinner has been running since January 2016. It is operated by a coalition of five to eight groups throughout Keizer, led by its venue host, St. Edwards Catholic Church. This open community dinner is offered once a month. Attendance continues to grow, starting between 150

and 200 per meal, with 260 attendees in May. A wide range of people sit and eat together, replicating the model used at the Silverton Community Dinner. **Bernadette Mele** shared that the dinner affords an opportunity to be an ambassador for the Food Share. **Frances Alvarado** added that a meal together makes welcome the church's large Hispanic population.

Eileen Zielinski motioned to approve Keizer Community Dinner as a partner agency, **Warren Bednarz** seconded, and the motion was unanimously moved.

Rick Gaupo presented **Eileen Zielinski** with the Crystal Apple award for her Food Share board service, including her instrumental role in the founding of the Keizer Community Dinner. **Rick** added that **Eileen**'s work has expanded the Food Share's mission.

Finance Update:

Jim Green updated the board on the Food Share's financial status. **Jim** mentioned this year's clean audit and the on-track schedule for next year's. Check point dates have been added to track progress. **Jim** stated that the Food Share's current expected deficit is less than anticipated; **Courtney Knox Busch** added that it is a perfect time for strategic planning, aligning the future with what we have today. **Rick** stated that a budget revision will be presented in July, with updates presented every three months. **Jim** also praised the recent sustainer luncheon's strategy to acknowledge donors' contributions rather than ask for more.

Consent Agenda:

Alex Beamer presented the following consent agenda items:

1. April 2016 board meeting minutes
2. MPFS financial statements ending April 30, 2016

Warren Bednarz motioned to approve all consent agenda items, **Mike Garrison** seconded, and the motion was unanimously moved.

Development Update:

Julie Hambuchen began the update by inviting the board to the upcoming Meals on Wheels Appreciation Dinner. The dinner is modeled after the sustainer luncheons, thanking both donors and volunteer drivers for their contributions.

Julie next reported that CenturyLink has changed the Backpack Buddies campaign to accept online donations only, with local coinciding food campaigns. There will also be a \$100,000 cap on matching funds. Due to these changes, the Food Share will be adopting new strategies, with a focus on a small number of major donors.

Programs Preview, Fiscal Year 2-16-17:

Ian Dixon-McDonald presented a preview of the Programs Department's plan for the coming fiscal year. The slideshow presented will be mailed to board members after the meeting.

Adjournment:

Alex Beamer adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Rebecca Long
Executive Assistant

Esther Puentes
Board Secretary