



**Marion-Polk Food Share**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, October 27, 2016

**Board Members Attending:** Alex Beamer, Cheryl Wells, Jim Green, Courtney Knox Busch, Dick Yates, Bernadette Mele, Warren Bednarz, John Burt, Brenda Tuomi, Julie Huckestein, George Happ, Esther Puentes, Mike Garrison, Frances Alvarado

**Staff Members Attending:** Rick Gaupo, Ian Dixon-McDonald, Julie Hambuchen, Rebecca Long, Corrina Hawkins, Holly Larson, Eileen DiCicco

**Call to Order:**

Alex Beamer called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

**Consent Agenda:**

Alex Beamer presented the following consent agenda items:

1. Board meeting minutes, September 22, 2016
2. MPFS financial statements ending September 30, 2016

Warren Bednarz motioned to approve all consent agenda items, Cheryl Wells seconded, and the motion was unanimously moved.

**Development Update:**

Julie Hambuchen began the Development Update by thanking board members for their participation in Chefs' Nite Out, contributing to its success. Julie related that final numbers for the event will be shared at the December board meeting. Julie also requested volunteers to deliver thank-you gifts to CNO sponsors for the holidays.

Julie reported on the progress of the Brenden Family Foundation \$75,000 match for FY16-17. Through this challenge gift, new and increased sustainer donations will be matched. During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the Food Share received a tremendous response to outreach, resulting in

\$25,000 in new and increased sustainer pledges. This campaign will continue until \$75,000 is reached, or until the end of the fiscal year.

**Julie** next thanked **Esther Puentes** and **Julie Huckestein** for the recent foundation site visits they participated in. **Julie** reported that the Collins Foundation Youth Farm grant of \$85,000 over five years to support the Youth Farm move and ongoing operations has been approved. She added that the Food Share is awaiting news from the Reser Family Foundation.

Lastly, **Julie** invited board members to the Empty Bowls event November 18 at Willamette Art Center.

### **Board Member Introductions:**

**Cheryl Wells** introduced new board members **Brenda Tuomi** and **Julie Huckestein**, who shared their professional and personal backgrounds as well as their journeys that led them to Food Share Board membership. Both **Brenda** and **Julie** bring strength to the board: backgrounds working in agricultural fields growing up, committed work ethic, and profound appreciation for educational opportunities. **Rick** expressed his thanks and extended a warm welcome.

### **Strategic Planning:**

**Rick Gaupo** asked the board, “What are your big questions?” A rich discussion followed, in which board members and staff present shared the questions they would like the strategic planning process to address. **Rick** will synthesize these ideas to present at the next board meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

**Alex Beamer** adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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Rebecca Long  
Executive Assistant

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Courtney Knox Busch  
Board Secretary