



#### Board meeting

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 6:45pm-8:40pm

Attending: Baj Kochar (Board), Neil Subhash (Board), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Claire Foster (Secretary), Christeena Marzolf (Director at large), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (President).

Call to Order, minutes from May 2017 unanimously approved and minutes will now be included in the board meeting and happy hour announcement.

#### Executive Director's report highlights (Melissa)

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade entry will happen in cooperation with March of the Vegetables

\$500 FFA scholarship awarded to Nicole Hagens

Met with PCC Farmland Trust about collaboration

Spoke with Snohomish CD to introduce us and get familiar with ag plan regarding flood modeling and climate change planning, they will be at the SVT July potluck.

CFM: interns getting started, banner not going up due to city decision- will follow up on possible code changes to allow it.

EFP: getting a handle on anticipated tractor expenses for 2017 season, bridge permitting now progressing.

Andrea Dwyer of Tilth Alliance is retiring.

#### Strategic Plan:

Review of timeline for goals, established next steps for sharing the plan with the membership, provided feedback on the public-facing draft summary. Voted unanimously to approve internal strategic plan 2017-2020. Further drafts to be created for more refined layout of public-facing document.

#### Processing Facility Committee Report and Board (Melissa, Baj, Hannah)

Feasibility study portion is done, identified that there are several existing groups working on similar ideas. Process of exploration also opened potential existing processors to possible partnerships with farmers. Two useful tools resulted- templates for calculating processed products' costs and returns, and a list of existing processors, their processes and requirements. \$5000 left in the grant: instead of writing business plan as originally proposed, we are hoping to contract with the co-op to coordinate an experimental run of product to reality test the process and potential barriers. Need to identify how to keep the information gathered current over the years. Possibly in coordination with NABC?

Member Programs Job Description: reviewed new Member Programs manager position that emerged from the Strategic Plan. Approved new remuneration level for a staff member and adjusted the current year budget accordingly, vote approved unanimously.

Updates from partners (WID, SVFC, KC Ag Commission):

Beaver management workshop occurred and was well attended

FFF process phase 1 was celebrated recently.

Water rights leases were officially approved for 2017 through the WID

Adjourn/Late Happy Hour

***Next meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm.***