



Board meeting minutes

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30-8:45pm

Attending: Melissa Borsting (ED), Claire Foster (Secretary), Christeena Marzolf (Director at large), Meredith Molli (VP), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (President), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Erin Ericson (Board), Baj Kochar (Board), Neil Subhash (Board)

Call to Order, minutes approval from February, 2017: unanimously approved

Minutes will be posted on the website, a monthly reminder that they are there will be included in the happy hour announcement.

Executive Director's report highlights (Melissa)

Melissa will be absent next board meeting, Libby to fill in

Produce processing facility planning: focused on how to support full use of existing facilities by helping with transportation of produce, in addition to completing the study

Auction: Inviting Guests and procuring items (Claire)

Practicing our "why I support SVT" statements

Please let me know if you will not be able to get in touch with your sponsor prospects

Technology and Farming Summit (Melissa/Hannah)

Needs a goal statement

First step is to identify and invite individuals

Snohomish County Growers Alliance (Melissa/Christeena)

Snohomish Conservation District is also a potential partner in the north for SVT

SVT will have a presence at their meeting at the end of the month, explore how this group thinks SVT might support the development of the agricultural community to the northern end of our service area.

Strategic Planning Retreat follow-up and sub committee assignments (All)

Committee work is to:

proof the list of ideas against the interview data

Create a narrative goal statement for each topic

Prioritize dots

Add a stretch goal with 2-3 objectives at the bottom of the Implementation Plan Worksheet

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

Meredith: FFF, KC staff report written in Aug 2016- farmers felt was biased. Farmer updates to it were rejected, so a group of representatives instead wrote a summary of the FFF process, and the staff report will not be signed by anyone though it will be included to the county council.

Second version of the process will be starting next with a 15-person task force with even distribution for farm, fish, and flood reps.

Adjourn/Late Happy Hour focused on membership update of strategic planning process

***Next meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup>, SVT Office. 6:45-8:30pm.***