



## Board Meeting Minutes

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30-8:30pm

Attending: Melissa Borsting (ED), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (President), Baj Kochar (board), Erin Ericson (board), Claire Foster (Secretary), Neil Subhash (board) arriving 6:55pm, Meredith Molli (VP) arriving 7:50pm.

6:50 Call to Order, minutes approved from April 2017 unanimously

6:50 Executive Director's report highlights (Melissa)

NRCS grant incoming for a high tunnel for EFP, motion made to allow Sean Stratman to sign contracts and amendments to the contracts related to the NRCS/EQIP grant program on behalf of SVT's Board of Directors for up to \$6000 in 2017. Passed with one abstention.

Awards ceremony for Cedarcrest is June 13<sup>th</sup> for FFA scholarship presentation, looking for a director to go make the presentation.

Kid's program grant received for CFM, \$24,000 over 2 years: Power of Produce June 12<sup>th</sup> potluck will be at Stuart's Landing, come check it out.

Moving next meeting to June 22<sup>nd</sup>, fourth Thursday of the month, for June only.

7:00 Auction debrief: celebrating successes, list opportunities for next year

Grossed \$49,000, netted \$29,200.

7:20 Staffing updates/requests

Leah will be transitioning to a new full time job elsewhere.

Discussed employee remuneration and balancing responsibility, appreciation, fairness, seniority. Next step to create job description for new member services program management position for board approval.

Proposal to bring Sean up to full time hours in response to new grant funding and new job responsibilities. Budget income year to date covers the increased expenditure. Motion made to bring him up to 40 hours a week until April 2018, with possible reconsideration after that date, to encompass new land matching program responsibilities, and with agreement to have him report on progress for the Nov. 2017 board meeting. Passed unanimously. Melissa will update his job description accordingly.

7:40 Strategic Farm Dinner Invites- July 22<sup>nd</sup> at EFP and Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at K-T Cattle Co.

Claire will set up member discounts for July dinner. Let's mention potlucks at the dinners, and dinners at the potlucks. Look at these as potential avenues to invite people to develop them as supporters.

8:50 Strategic Planning

Discussion of the value of our programs and the role of the strategic plan in highlighting needs to keep improving mission effectiveness.

8:20 Updates from partners (WID, SVFC, KC Ag Commission)

June 20<sup>th</sup> Beaver management workshop at Carnation Farms.

FFF: FFF 1.0 is finished.

9:30 Adjourn/Late Happy Hour

***Next meeting: June 22<sup>nd</sup>, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm. Note non-standard date.***