



Board of Directors' Meeting

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 6:40pm- 8:45pm

Attending: Melissa Borsting (ED), Petrina Fisher (board), Claire Foster (Secretary), Baj Kochar (board), Meredith Molli (President), Christeena Marzolf (Director at Large), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (VP), Erin Erikson (board), Josh Monaghan (KCD guest), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer) (arriving 6:45)

Call to Order, minutes approval from March 2018, tabled until May (**Meredith**)

King Conservation District updates: (**Josh Monaghan**)

Theory of Change, recently adding new services after completing a gap analysis, planning large assessment of effectiveness for 2020.

Discovery Farms is a model to research ag buffers' effect on water quality that the KCD will be starting to use over the next year. Linked to FFF buffer task force.

Food Systems Grants applications closed today.

Quarterly Financials (**Nancy**)

Net revenue is up \$30,000 in 2018 at end of March compared to the same period in 2017.

\$58,000 on hand at this time. Slightly stronger position this year at this point than last year, would like to work on building up a larger reserve fund, however.

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

Strategic Plan check in

Other program updates: see separate report

2018 Auction update (**Claire**)

Important to invite your guests now, please help recruit volunteers! Forward names you want to make sure get invited to Claire to assemble a must-invite list, useful also for future years.

Updates from partners (**Erin, Neil, Meredith, Petrina, Hannah**)

SVPA: looking for a more concrete way to provide services to community supporters, suggesting collaboration on farmer service center development. There is potentially rural development grant money available to help pay for this body of work.

WID: none

SVFCo-op: none

KC Ag Commission: none

Cascadia Cooperative Farms: submitted preproposal to KCD for farmer engagement and technical support for farmers who want to join.

Carnation Farms: bringing 4 people to SVT auction, working on drawing up a lease with Marzolf Meats, and a lease with the MSU site, signing a lease with Full Circle Farm for 40 acres, started 3 new apprentices, branching out to chickens and turkeys, bringing on pigs and sheep, grain trial starting this year.

Adjourn/Late Happy Hour

***Next meeting: May 21<sup>st</sup>, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm.***