



## Board Meeting Minutes

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30-8:40

Attending: Meredith Molli (President), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Baj Kochar (Board), Erin Ericson (board), Neil Subhash (board), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (President), Claire Foster (Secretary), Petrina Fisher (arriving late)

Call to Order, minutes approval from April 2018 (**Meredith**) passed with two abstentions

Auction summary and board debrief: grossed and netted a bit more than budgeted. Collected feedback for next year.

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

FFA scholarship presentation – June 6<sup>th</sup> –Meredith will attend to give the scholarship  
Carnation Tree Farm- retiring owner wants it to remain a farm and is investigating selling development rights, though there is some contention at city council about if they will allow it.

Tollgate Farm- tabled for next month

Strategic Plan Review (15 min)

Branding/Marketing Plan- put on agenda for June meeting

Development- delayed for next month

Outreach Coordination- it is part of Taylor's job, and she'll be catching up soon

Annual Farmer Party- end of July dates proposed

Possible idea to approach labor pool task: a speaker from the Farm Bureau to start discussion

### Donation on behalf of Jenny Cha, tractor fund (*board vote needed*)

Opportunity to support an individual farmer dealing with loss has arisen. Board needs to discuss the concept of a benevolent fund and setting up guidelines for application. We will look at NFMA application for a similar program as a starting place. Meredith will ask for permission to crowdsource with the story of hardship and start that crowdfund if given permission. Also asking staff to research models for setting up a benevolent fund application and distribution process.

### Tractor at Dan Beyer's property

- We need one

- If we hire Van to do the work we would spend the same amount as buying a tractor in ~5 years
- How do we decide if we want to own a large piece of equipment like this? Melissa to get more research cost/benefit balance in more detail.
- Do we want to pursue loan/other funding options? Too early in the process, currently.

8:00 Updates from partners (WID, SVFC, KC Ag Commission, CCF, Carnation Farms – **Erin, Neil, Meredith, Petrina, Hannah**)

CCF: invited to submit a proposal for phase 2 Regional Food System Grant at KCD

SVFC: still driving CSA shares

8:30 Adjourn/Late Happy Hour

***Next meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup>, SVT Office. 6:30-8:30pm.***