

SnoValley Tilth

October 22, 2018 - SnoValley Tilth Office Board Meeting Agenda 6:45-8:45pm



Attending: Meredith Molli (President), Hannah Cavendish-Palmer (VP), Nancy Marshall (Treasurer), Claire Foster (Secretary), Christeena Marzolf (Director at Large), Neil Subhash (Board), Baj Kochar (Board), Erin Ericson (Board), Petrina Fisher (Board), Libby Reed (Interim ED)

Call to Order, minutes approval from August 2018: passed 4 in favor, 3 abstentions

Q3 Financials - Amended Report will be available tomorrow, to be discussed in Nov. board meeting

- Technology Budget- 5 Chromebooks would be about \$2200. Have applied for \$1000 towards these, have another King Co grant to apply for as well.
- Tax prep is being done by Houston Barclay pro bono
- Waiting on \$45,000 in reimbursements from grants
- Motion made to approve the purchase of 5 Chromebooks pending the receipt of the outstanding reimbursements. Passed unanimously.

Directors Organizational Report

- Member Services & Programs:
annual survey will go out in Jan.
CFM: Veggie RX work (funded by grant) starting up, hand in hand with Fresh Starts for Kids work
Intern starting in Jan, working on marketing plan for the organization for the year
Working Farmland Partnership meeting this week about supporting transitional plan for farms
- Advocacy:
Labor and Housing survey data is being processed
Ag Summit: to be held with both counties, in Jan rather than Nov.
Discussed priorities for developing our Advocacy and Farmer representation program areas.
- Organizational Strength:
Libby to prep a draft document to represent sponsorship options for the whole organization, and make a plan to reach out to sponsors for 2019 in the next month.
New website is necessary: Libby to investigate new website options on Squarespace

Staffing Update: offer extended to a Member Services Manager candidate

CFM Manager interviews next week

Executive Director Search

- Staff Input Review was conducted last week
- Announcement Strategy discussed

Updates from partners

WID - working on water storage, applying for money for streamflow/ag. combined-benefit research

-Submitted a letter regarding the Pearson Eddy project (planted densely by NRCS, interfering with drainage for neighboring properties), farmland that has been converted away from food production

SVFC- Thanksgiving and Winter CSA boxes getting organized

KC Ag Commission- John Taylor promoted to rural areas services role, SVT needs to announce our interest in participating in the hiring process to replace him- Meredith and Libby to make a plan for that

CCF- awarded a second round of funding for farmer engagement: training and flock expansion, from KCD.

Carnation Farms- got KCD grant for grain research, classes, and festivals. Grant provides a combine, sharable for valley farmers. Nov 3-4 fundraising event upcoming. Falling River Meat's onsite facility is being built out.

SCD- asking to increase their rates and charges to provide more funding for programming, timing depending on county council approval, possibly in Nov.

Mobile Slaughter Unit- work ongoing to try to find an operator for it if site is built at Carnation Farms

Additional Items

- Board Recruitment: discussed specific recruitment ideas
Neil Subhash, Christeena Marzolf, Hannah Cavendish-Palmer, Claire Foster, Erin Ericson have seats up for election. Claire is stepping down. Neil, Christeena, Hannah, and Erin will tell Libby if they wish to run by Nov. 1.

Petrina Fisher, Baj Kochar, Meredith Molli, and Nancy Marshall all continue into their second year of board service.

- December Meeting will be a party at Hannah's house, 6:30pm, families invited

Adjourn

Next meeting:

November 19, 2018 SVT Office; 6:30-8:30pm

Dec 17, 2018 Hannah's house for a party; 6:30-8:30pm