

**Sitka Local Foods Network
SLFN Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2010**

Board Members Present: Suzan Brawnlyn, Kerry MacLane, Doug Osborne, Lisa Sadleir-Hart, Lynnda Strong, Johanna Willingham, Natalie Sattler

Financial Report:

1. Review of accounts with Susea Albee. Reviewed handouts of various accounts. Looked at professional fees for Jon and Bill. The question was asked if we had budgeted an extra \$100 for ? . Susea was going to look into.
2. 501c3 – new check for federal application was cut and application was resent.
3. Contract Labor contracts – Linda and Lisa are looking into contracts
4. Office Space – possible space at Unitarian Church for free. Kerry will confirm. Do we need to lease a PO Box or is there an available we can use at the church?
5. Liability Insurance – Lisa checked with Venneburg and was quoted \$500/year(?). The board decided to get a second quote to compare.

Funding:

1. USDA Tall Towers – (Can someone fill in...I missed this piece.)
2. USDA Food Security grant – Kerry is meeting with the STA tribal resources representative to see if we can help write this grant with STA.
3. Foraker Group/Rasmussen Foundation – board training opportunities. Lisa will look into to see if there are any upcoming fall trainings we can participate in.
4. Peoples Garden grant – School based program. Possible Mt. Edgecumbe garden. Science teachers at Mt. E are looking into. Doug will talk to teachers (Chohla Moll, Mike Mahoney). Mid-Oct Deadline

(Early Project Update) Greenhouse and Education Center Update:

1. Possible city sites – woods next to Blatchley School (wet area), Kimsham (not a good site). Can we lease the site from the city? Do we need to talk to the school first (Principal Joe Robideau or the City first (Public Works or Parks and Rec?)). (who was going to talk to Joe?) No other sites were identified on city land.
2. Mt. Edgecumbe High School site – going nowhere

Board Positions

**<Doug made a motion to nominate Lisa Sadleir Hart as Treasurer of the board. Suzan Brawnlyn – Second
Motion Passed**

**<Doug made a motion to nominate Natalie Sattler as Secretary of the board.
Johanna Willingham – Second
Motion passed**

- Board Recruitment – There are 9 of us currently on the board. There was a discussion on whether we needed to recruit more board members. In our bylaws we state that we can have a minimum of 7 (?) board members and a maximum of 12 (?). We decided to stick with the current number we have and focus on board recruitment if we need to fill in slots at a later time. Each board position has a 3 year term.
Natalie needs to get the minutes from the first SLFN board meeting from Linda Wilson.

Project Updates

A. Farmers Market

1. Full market for Sept. 11. Vendor fees increased this year, but it has not seemed to have an impact on vendors signing up.
Johanna, Lynnda, Maybelle and Bill will harvest early Saturday morning for the market.
We need to order cover crop from Bountiful Gardens
Jon can fulfill his contract by installing hoop houses and helping bedding down the garden. Need to get permission from church vestry for hoop houses.

<Motion by Doug Osborne to spend up to \$200 on hoop houses for bedding down garden.

Suzan Brawnlyn– Second

Motion Passed

B. Educational Projects

1. AK Food Policy Council – Lily Herwald and Lisa working on. Will give rotary presentation on September 14th at noon. Several committees have been formed as part of the council. Traditional and Local Foods Committee – Lisa and Kerry are members. Social Justice and Hunger Committee – Lisa is a member.
2. Running of the Boots – Saturday, Sept. 25
Kerry will send out a list of ToDos for the event. Potatoes and cabbage will be ready to sell at the booth.

C. Garden Projects

1. Jon out until Sept. 21st. the plan is to bed down in early October. October 2nd was set as the bed down date. Johanna can help until then, but is out then for her wedding. We discussed giving Jon a bonus for his hard work this summer.
2. Blatchley Community Garden –
Garden Party – September 18th – lunch and meeting. Possibly Stan Schoening can help manage Blatchley in the summer.
3. Coast Guard/SEARHC
A group of women at SEARHC usually do projects for the community. It did not happen this year due to the tragedy of the three CG deaths.

D. Old Business

1. T-shirt/logo – Lynnda did a design for the t-shirts/tote bag/hat.

<Motion by Doug Osborne to use Lynnda Strong's design for the t-shirt, tote bag, etc.

Lisa Sadleir-Hart – Second

Motion Passed

2. Compost Facility – not happening

E. New Business

1. SEARHC Wellness Lunch – noon, Friday, Sept. 17th, all are invited to attend
2. Head Start harvest at SEARHC Employee Wellness Garden – date TBA
3. Add Paypal tab on webpage so folks can donate to SLFN

H. Next Meeting: Monday, October 11th, 4:30 p.m., Sea House