

Sitka Local Foods Network

Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2011
Unitarian Church

February MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Kerry MacLane

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Linda Wilson; Lisa Sadleir-Hart; Tom Crane; Natalie Sattler; Maybelle Filler; Cathy Lieser

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Wilson moved to approve board meeting minutes for January 2011.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Lieser moved to accept February meeting agenda.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

Guest Presentation:

Christi Weurker from the Sitka Seafood Festival came by to see if SLFN would like to be involved in some of the Sitka Seafood Festival events on May 20-21st. Specifically, participate in the dinner, Saturday May 21st and have a booth on Saturday as well at Crescent Harbor from 12 -6 p.m. SLFN plans to have a booth and sell black cod collars as a fundraiser.

Financials:

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/MacLane moved to pay \$550 to ANB Hall for five Farmers Markets scheduled for the season.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

MOTION: M/S MacLane/Filler moved to reimburse \$400 of Linda's expenses to the Alaska Farmer's Market Association annual meeting pending receipts for expenses.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

MOTION: M/S MacLane/Filler moved to move \$500 from advertising and promotion from the Farmers Market account into travel of Farmers Market account.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

Follow up with Rasmussen/Foraker – Foraker coming to town to do some work with SCAPS. We need to connect with Gordon Blue to see if we can get their help while they are in town. Linda will try to contact Foraker.

Project Updates:

A. Farmers Market

- a. **FM Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., Unitarian Church**
- b. No Farmers Market signs allowed on state roads. May not apply to us and AK Farmers Market Association is dealing with this issue.
- c. Need to advertise for co-coordinator for FMs. Kerry will advertise.

B. St. Peters Fellowship Farm

- a. Lead Gardener Selection – Laura Schmidt has been selected for this position.

- b. Next steps – create garden plan and order seeds – Cathy will look into other seed distributors.

C. Gardens

- a. Sprucecot – applied for high tunnels, looking for help garden this summer
- b. Linda buying greenhouse
- c. Hope/Florence - ?, Kerry will talk to Hope about her plans
- d. Renee – CSA?
- e. Eve – Still planning to do Farmers Markets
- f. Hames Recreation Center – garden plots outside, not sure who will manage
- g. Mini-grants to individuals to increase their garden space and donate produce to market. 3 grants at \$100 each. Discuss more at Farmers Market Meeting on March 10th.

D. Educational Projects

- a. Arti Gras/Let's Grow Sitka – Sunday, March 20th, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. at ANB Hall
 - i. Need to start advertising
 - ii. Ed Buyarski – will do presentations on Friday and Saturday, also available for private consultations
 - iii. Related library display – month of March
- b. Guest Speaker – Jeff Lowenfels, Memorial Day Weekend?
 - i. Maybelle has contacted Jeff about date and discussing price; he is offering a cost negotiable fee of \$1000 as well as plane fare, lodging, and his ability to sell books at the event.
 - ii. Grace Harbor possible venue, need sponsors (SEARHC)
 - iii. Maybelle will continue to work on this event
- c. Tree Planting
 - i. 60-70 trees committed, 10 will be planted publicly
 - ii. Next meeting, March 3
- d. FISH! – Fish in the Schools
 - i. Next Fish lunch – Monday, February 28th at Blatchley Middle School
- e. Alaska Food Policy Council
 - i. Need feedback by Feb. 16th, draft legislation going in front of AK legislature

E. Greenhouse and Education Center

- a. Facilitated visioning – possibly with Lily or Mary Terese Thompson
- b. Need for a larger visioning session with the board – make plans in the near future.

Old Business

- c. T-shirts/Logo – Natalie speaking with DJ about designs. Will get #'s, ideas by next meeting

New Business

- d. Hames Gardens – speak with Roger Schmidt about gardens at Hames, possibility for Greenhouse space. Some concerns around soil tests and bears
- e. School Garden grants through Alaska Dept. of Agriculture
 - i. Grants available for \$300-500 for gardens for classrooms
- f. Food Corps Volunteer for 2012
 - i. Pilot program in 10 states/80 volunteers
 - ii. We will apply in early Fall to become a site for 2012
- g. Emergency Food Preparedness
 - i. Lisa working on PSAs, etc. to get the word out

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church

MOTION: M/S Lieser/Sadleir-Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.