

Sitka Local Foods Network

Board of Directors Meeting

January 3, 2011

Unitarian Church

January MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Linda Wilson

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Linda Wilson; Lisa Sadleir-Hart; Tom Crane; Natalie Sattler; Doug Osborne

Others Present: Cathy Lieser

Move item 5 up to top of agenda

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Osborne moved to approve amended board meeting minutes November 2010

ACTION: Motion PASSED

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Osborne moved to approve December 2010 minutes as amended on Jan. 3, 2011

ACTION: Motion PASSED

Nomination of New Board Members

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Crane moved to nominate Cathy Lieser to the Sitka Local Foods Network board

ACTION: Motion PASSED

Cathy Lieser accepted nomination

C. Financial Report

None this month

Will look at year end budget report at February meeting

D. Reports and Discussion

1. Community Greenhouse –Current Greenhouse plan too big of scale for Sitka School District to take on.
Meet with Lily Herwald and discuss business plan for Greenhouse
Talk more in depth with Kerry at the next board meeting
2. Education
 - Let's Grow Sitka – March 20, 12 – 3 p.m., waiting for approval from ANB
 - Possibly organize around fruit tree initiative
 - Possibly ask Ed Buyarski from Juneau to come over and do a talk at the event
 - Use map at event to locate fruit trees around town – Linda will get map from city
 - Featured Speaker
 - Maybe skip this year, keep it local or have Ed from Juneau come to Let's Grow
 - Another possibility is Jeff Lowenfels from Anchorage – Cathy Lieser will contact
3. St. Peter's Fellowship Farm
 - Advertise for lead gardener starting the week of Jan. 3rd in paper, on SLFN blog, Sitka Soup
 - Possible ideas for position: Laura Schmidt, Stan Schoening

MOTION: M/S Osborne/Lieser moved to duplicate the 2010 contract for the lead gardener and expenditure of \$1500 in funds for 2011

Friendly Amendment: add \$200 bonus at end of season for completing work

ACTION: Motion PASSED

4. Farmers Market – Same dates/weekends as last year/alternate with Chelan, start in mid-July
 - Rental to ANB has not yet been paid and awaiting approval from ANB
 - Need to set up dedicated Farmers Market meeting – coordinate who grows what, how much
 - Discussion of mini-grants to help people expand garden to have more produce to sell at Farmers Market - \$100 plus free stand at 3 markets
 - next step: look at budget, develop contract for grants and make decision at February board meeting
5. Fruit Tree Initiative
 - \$891 fund + \$450 from Sitka Conservation Society + \$200 from Health Summit = ~\$1400
 - Group will meet Jan. 18th, 7 p.m., Centennial Building
 - Bob Gorman will do a series of 3 talks on fruit trees this spring
 - 40 trees coming – looking for private individuals to buy trees, soil, etc. - ~\$100 total/tree and accrements
 - Experimental station will have 20 trees

E. Unfinished Business

1. State Bi-annual Report – due July 2, 2011
 - need to update board information
 - Linda will renew this soon

F. New Business

1. Community Greenhouse planning retreat
 - Lily Herwald – facilitator – how much to have her facilitate?
 - Table until February meeting when Kerry is back
 - Needs assessment – does the community want the greenhouse? At what scale?
2. SPFF 2011 Wish List
 - soil, seaweed, hoophouse, etc.
 - post needs on SLFN blog, Sitka.com
 - Lisa, Doug and Maybelle will create list by January 29th meeting
3. 2011 Fundraising Ideas
 - Guest Speaker
 - Let's Grow
 - Film Food Festival
 - Out Standing in the Garden – Dinner Fundraiser at the SPFF, July/August
 - Sell premade food/salad at Farmers Markets
 - Seafood Festival options
 - increase production at Farmers Markets

Next meeting –

Saturday, January 29, 5-7 p.m. - Annual Meeting, local potluck, location Unitarian Church

Monday, February 7, Unitarian Church ?

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