

Thrive Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019

Attendance:

Steve Krest, Peter Tregillus, Pat Rustad, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger (by telephone), Mark Swanson, Ilona Hruska, Mike Rustad

Meeting was held at Pat's house 9:00 AM

Initial discussions on the fundraiser were postponed until Kathy Hall can join us later in the meeting.

Peter reported that SWCOG will be taking us on as a fiscal agent sometime after the end of this month. The board meets the 24th. Mariam (SWCOG) has said nothing will change for us initially. We have no MOU with them as of now.

Ilona reported that two more employers, Christ the King Lutheran and Sara Smith at the Food Bank both want to become Living Wage Employers.

Peter has all of Gloria's timesheets and documentation and will turn this over to Mark so he can continue on as Gloria's employer and contact with the Committee.

We need (Mark) to contact SJRC&D and get the latest financial documentation (ensuring that fundraising event monies are in order). Liability Insurance? Mark will follow up with Carrie (SJRC&D).

Pat met with Christa Turnell to discuss her application to serve as a member of the Steering Committee. It was agreed by all that Ilona would write up an appropriate letter for S.C. review and reply to her request.

Steve will follow up with Jenny Hill and invite her to join us on the Committee.

Peter is resigning his position as President however he will continue to solicit funds for Thrive working off the lists he and we have developed.

Discussions of Thank You notes. Peter volunteered to draft a Thank You letter for Herald publication. Mark will list donors on the spreadsheet he will develop for the fundraising event. Everyone will send out individual notes to those who gave to them.

Thrive was awarded a \$3000.00 LPEA Roundup Grant to promote TERP! Peter will need to follow up with the paperwork. We have a number of criteria we will need to adhere to. One includes getting at least 5 more household to sign up for Roundup. Promoting TERP by taking an ad in the paper...buy a KSUT spot ad...The Telegraph...

Pat spoke with Kathy Hall about future funding and agreed that we should follow up by seeking appropriate grantors. Gloria knows about these sources and how to follow up.

Gloria said she would put out a facebook request to have people signup for Roundup in honor of Thrive!

Steve asked about the Bank of Colorado debit card for Thrive. Gloria will follow up after we get aligned with SWCOG.

Gloria will order the new rack cards and business cards from Basin Printing and Steve or Mark will pay for them to be reimbursed.

Peter made clear that either SJRC&D or SWCOG only take their 7% fee when funds are expended not funds received.

Mark said we have 20 six packs of beer left over from the fundraiser. Discussions about how to capitalize this. Barter?

Kathy Hall arrived: Fundraiser discussed.

Kathy said we have not yet settled up with Manna. She gave us an accounting for all of her expenditures (with receipts), all the monies she has collected, and an accounting of monies still due. Kathy was thanked profusely and paid in full for her expenditures (but not for all of her other many donations). Kathy said she will collect the other monies owed.

Pat outlined all of her expenditures and receipts from the bar, as well as donations taken in.

There is lots to be accounted for and Mark will develop a spreadsheet to account for it. To include Paypal accounting.

Kathy encouraged us to become a 501c3 because having this will allow us to have raffles. And raffles can be great income. She would take the class and run raffles for us. Gloria agreed it would be a good idea.

Steve asked that since we do not have frequent Committee meetings, that each of us record what we have done on email and send it out to all the Committee. (We know who thanked whom. etc).

Kathy said Basin Coop wants to become a TERP member. Gloria will follow up.

Steve asked if Gloria could work more than 10 hours per week (20 hours every two weeks) to promote TERP. He felt that Thrive has a good name now and there are businesses who have expressed interest in membership and we should capitalize on this now. It was agreed that Gloria could work 25 hours every two weeks from here on.

Peter thanked Kathy again, and everyone for keeping the flame alive. Everyone thanked Peter for his dedicated leadership.

Gloria is sick, and Ilona and Steve will fill in tomorrow at the Sustainability Conference at the College.

Next Steering Committee meeting after the 15th of November.