

Tehama Together – Yes We Can  
General Meeting Notes  
January 24, 2009

**Opening:**

Chris Pritchard opened the meeting at 1 PM on January 24, 2009 at 20 Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff, and CA 96080.

**Present:**

Sushie Rose Hahnel, Nan Renish, Ruth Deike, Tom Gonzales, Charlene Gonzales, Joan Kaiser Bell, Don Gerber, Joan Gerber, Orle Jackson, Wilkie Talbert, Jan Ivanoff, Chris Pritchard

**Discussion:**

Due to the fact that there were a few new faces at the current meeting there was a review of the January 19, 2009 meeting. Chris Pritchard read the initial invitation to the group and gave a brief synopsis of the last meeting. Some questions and issues that were discussed last week were:

Do we want to organize as a full time organization or do we want to limit meetings to once or twice a month?

Do we want to be a presence in the community?

Do we want a 501c or a co-op?

Do we want a place that would be income producing?

Do we want a gathering place to find like-minded individuals, a place where ideas can sprout?

Do we want a place where persons can have workshops to teach or learn, where they will have access to knowledge they might not be able to find elsewhere, a place generated from the community's interest?

Chris followed up with an explanation of the purpose of this current meeting, which was to talk about organizing as an official group. There were more questions from person's that were not at the last meeting.

After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to that there should be a gathering place and this group was the one to do it. It was decided to start with making an agenda.

### **Structure Issues:**

**Example of possible Mission Statement:** Gathering of individuals and/or groups together that are interested in bringing their ideas and talents together with other community members to discuss ways of enriching the lives of the members of our Community

Items to be considered:

- 501 (c) (3) or casual basis with advisory board or under the umbrella of another organization

- Business proposal

- Business model

- Form committees

- Start up capital

- What would the first project be

- How soon should this happen

- Fundraiser

- Attorney

- Accountant

After much discussion there was a consensus that there was three streams of income:

- Food CoOp

- Coffe Shop

- Education – workshops

The group then went around the room and shared their backgrounds and talents. This led to many areas of discussion and ideas that would need to be organized into a workable plan. The group decided to form a committee to structure and prioritize what was to be focused upon and then presented to a general meeting. Sushi Rose, Chris, Don, Orle and Nan volunteered for the committee and that committee meeting was set for January 26, 2009 at 10 am.

The next general meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2009 at 1 PM.