

Tehama Together
Executive Committee Meeting
January 31, 2009

Opening:

Chris Pritchard opened the Executive Committee Meeting of Tehama Together on January 31, 2009 at 12:30 PM at 20 Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff, CA 96080

Present:

Chris Pritchard, Sushie Rose Hahnel, Orle Jackson, Phil Dynan, Don Gerber, Joan Gerber, Nan Renish

Mission Statement:

Orle Jackson submitted his version of the Mission Statement.

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT FOR TEHAMA TOGETHER

Tehama Together is a program created by local individuals to enrich the lives of Tehama County residents by establishing a place where people can:

*informally gather in a social setting to share common concerns

*attend educational seminars of special interest

*receive information and referrals to community services

*learn of volunteer activities to assist others

*obtain healthy food products through a food coop, community garden or other programs

*receive tutoring/assistance in specialized subjects

Safe and secure child care services will be available for children while parents participate in Tehama Together activities.

Sushie Rose Hahnel had submitted her vision of the Mission Statement at the January 26th committee meeting. There was a short discussion for the need to compare the two Mission Statements prepared by Sushie and Orle. The group will present the statements in the general meeting for review.

Officers and Committees:

Chris Pritchard discussed an e-mail with the group that she had sent to Sushie earlier that day. The e-mail consisted of her reasons for wanting to co-chair with Sushie. The committee had no objections and it will be put before the general meeting for a vote.

Orle asked about the vision of a Board of Directors to oversee Tehama Together and it was explained that legally you must have a Board of Directors and an annual meeting to satisfy the 501c3 rules and regulations.

The election of officers for the four-office positions was then discussed. The office positions to be filled are: two equal Co-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer. Chris Pritchard and Sushie Rose volunteered to be equal co-chairs. Chris mentioned that at the end of the last meeting Nan Renish had decided that if someone else would volunteer for the Secretarial position she would be ok with that since she has more expertise in the volunteer coordination field. She would like to devote her time to that project since her time is limited. Chris said Colleen Sheehan has volunteered to become Secretary and Chris will nominate her in the general meeting. The treasurer's position was discussed and it remains

open at this time. This position will be filled when a qualified person can be found.

The areas that require chairpersons and committees are: Coffee Shop, Food Co-op or Consignment Shop (to be decided at the General Meeting to follow), Educational Workshops, Community Outreach Resource Committee, (Phil wanted to add another committee to encompass public relations and communication), and Public Relations/Communications (with a liaison between the two).

Orle asked for an explanation of what do we mean by food co-op? Phil said a food co-op is "cooperatively buying items to sell to the community". Orle suggested that the name could be left open until the name could better define the center. There was discussion of tying in with the various food programs in the area and possibly with the government food program. The others thought that would be a great project for the Food Co-op and they all agreed that areas would become more defined as time goes on.

The members of the committee discussed the different chair positions to be filled. Sushie Rose said she would like to chair the Food Co-op Committee, Chris Pritchard wanted to chair the Educational Workshops and Phil Dynan would like to chair Public Information and Communications. Sushie said that her friend Gregg Gillies would volunteer to chair the Coffee House. The chair position for the Community Resource Committee will be open for discussion and voting will take place for all officers and committee chairpersons in the general meeting. In addition, volunteers for each committee will be solicited from the group. The committees and the volunteers will be in charge of running the whole center. The separate committees will be responsible for getting their own areas up and running. There was discussion about how often the chaired committees and general committee groups would be meeting. It was agreed that the general committee meetings would

most likely not be meeting as often because the members will be involved with their own groups.

501c3:

Don Gerber spoke about meeting with Dennis Albright, a local attorney. He said that Dennis would be happy to help put the 501c3 together for the Center. Don said that Dennis mentioned it had been quite awhile since he had done a 501c3 and it is much more involved that it used to be.

Phil suggested that there is a need for a grant writer. Chris said that Nan Renish has had experience with grant writing and Orle Jackson mentioned that he also has had some experience with grants.

Don Gerber was asked if he had contacted Phil Price. Don said that he spoke to Phil's secretary and she suggested that Don try to reach Phil on Monday. Don wanted some advice as to how to approach Phil Price and it was suggested that he invite Phil to one of the general meetings. There was also a discussion of the possibility of an Advisory Board to be added to the center later and that in the future Phil Price might want to sit on an Advisory Board. Don will continue to reach out to him. Orle suggested there might be more people in the community that might want to sit on the Advisory Board. Their names could then be used on the group letterhead or on grant proposals.

Website:

Phil Dynan said he would buy the new domain name very soon. The group spoke about advertising on the website. They all felt it was important to play up the website.

Name of the Center:

There was discussion as to whether the name Tehama Together could encompass the whole center (as an umbrella name) and have a separate name for the coffee shop. Chris thought the name Tehama Together might be too political since the Obama group used Tehama Together - Yes We Can. Chris suggested Common Ground Annex for the name of the coffee shop. The name Tehama Together could be used for the 501c3. There will be further discussion in the general meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1PM.

Written by: Colleen Sheehan

Approved by: