

Tehama Together  
Special Executive Committee Meeting  
April 22, 2009

Open: Chris Pritchard opened the meeting of the Tehama Together Executive Committee, on April 22, 2009 at 1:15 PM at 24 Antelope Boulevard, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Present: Orle Jackson, Chris Pritchard, Gregg Gillies, Colleen Sheehan

Absent: Lupe Green, Kathy Moore

Announcements:

Chris Pritchard opened the meeting by announcing that she was resigning her position as Chair of Tehama Together as of April 22, 2009. She gave several reasons, many of which she shared at the General Committee Meeting on April 8, 2009. Chris explained she would like to continue being a part of Tehama Together but she did not have the time and energy that she felt is needed to devote to Tehama Together.

Old Business:

Colleen Sheehan shared with the group her experience at the grange meeting she attended with Lupe Green and Kathy Moore. She said the grange people were very nice but she felt that the ambiance was not right for a coffee shop, and the rules and regulations of the grange were not compatible with Tehama Together's goals of having the use of their facility. She said however, the grange committee was very interested in renting the grange to Tehama Together to put on an event and they said they would be open to negotiate the fee.

New Business:

### Discussion for future of Tehama Together:

Colleen began the discussion by updating Gregg Gillies, who was unable to attend the last General Committee Meeting. She also shared her ideas of what she felt Tehama Together would lose if they did not have a permanent place to call their own.

Colleen asked Orle Jackson how he had experienced the general meeting and Orle said he felt that the consensus was that the group was moving away from the non-profit idea and more towards a consignment shop and coffee house.

Chris and Gregg both agreed that they were willing to volunteer their services for certain periods of time to run the consignment shop and coffee house but the group as a whole would need to step up and get it started.

Gregg mentioned that he had said from the beginning that he was not sure enough people in the county were interested in what Tehama Together was offering. He felt Tehama Together still needed to have some kind of assessment as to what the people of Tehama County needed and wanted for their community. Gregg said that he knew many people up in the Manton area where he lives wanted to become involved with Tehama Together by participating in projects or events after it is established.

Chris said that projects and events that did not necessarily need a specific place to hold them, was how she saw Tehama Together continuing as a group.

Colleen wondered if Orle or Gregg might consider taking the chair position and a discussion followed as to what the future of Tehama Together might be now that Chris is stepping down. It was also mentioned that Chris was moving her office to her home and therefore

Tehama Together would have to find other places to meet for their Executive and General Meetings.

Several ideas were discussed as to how Tehama Together might proceed such as:

- events to be attended
- café with animals allowed
- information center that could organize all information in the county
- look for a grant researcher
- assessment of needs for Tehama County
- more farmer's markets
- food auction
- buy it local; keep it local (TV air time)
- thrift shop
- run business to give all money away
- philanthropic rather than non profit
- mentoring
- disabled population's needs
- donation center – sell at full retail – sponsor youth teams
- sponsor CSA
- pick a project and go for it
- join local grange

There was a discussion as to who might take over the chair position of Tehama Together. Orle, Gregg and Colleen did not volunteer and Lupe told Chris over the phone she was not able to chair. The group agreed the question now was, what does Tehama Together do next, and they agreed that the next meeting would be for restructuring Tehama Together. Orle felt that if Tehama Together did continue there would need to be a long-term plan so that people did not get frustrated at the slow progress of forming the organization.

It was decided that the General Committee Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 would be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 29,

2009 at 6 P.M., since a few key people were going to be unavailable on Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Written by Colleen Sheehan