

Tehama Together
General Committee Meeting
April 29, 2009

Present: Joan Kaiser Bell, Orle Jackson, Don Gerber, Jerry Swart, Kathy Moore, Lupe Green, Chris Pritchard, Colleen Sheehan

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Chris Pritchard at 6:16 P.M.

Introduction:

There were no introductions since everyone in the group had been to previous meetings.

Call for Additional Agenda Items:

Announcements, brainstorming new ideas, committee discussion, business name registration update and a report from the Interim Treasurer were added to the agenda.

Adopt Minutes of March 28, 2009 and April 8, 2008:

Chris Pritchard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for March 28, or April 8, 2009. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were approved. The minutes will now be posted on the Tehama Together.org website.

Announcements:

Chris Pritchard announced she was resigning as Chair of Tehama Together. She said her reasons had already been discussed in previous meetings, however she is looking forward to continuing with Tehama Together as Chair of the Education/Workshop Committee. She thanked

everyone for their support throughout the last three months and said she looked forward to working with the group now and in the future.

Chris then asked the group how they would like to proceed with the meeting; should she continue leading the group or would someone else want to take the lead. After some discussion, Don Gerber made a motion to nominate Lupe Green to be Chair of Tehama Together. Orle Jackson seconded the motion and the motion was put before the group for discussion.

Lupe said she had some reservations about accepting the nomination. She commended Chris for the work she had done as chair, but she added, she felt Chris had taken on too much for one person to do alone. Lupe said if she were to accept the nomination, she would have to have commitments from the group. The following were her conditions:

1. She wanted to be sure that the whole group really wanted her to be chair.
2. She wanted a vice chair to help her.
3. She wanted someone else to do the agenda and set up for the meetings.
4. She wanted to be sure Ashley Stewartwall will continue administering the website.
5. She asked that Colleen continue as Secretary of Tehama Together.

Colleen Sheehan took this opportunity to share her feelings with the group. She then added she would be willing to commit to continue the secretarial position for another two months.

Lupe asked who might want to be vice chair and Don Gerber said he would be willing to work with her. Lupe said Orle Jackson had expressed some interest in the vice chair position and Don said he would rather Orle take it. Lupe said she saw Don more as a fundraiser and asked if he would be willing to be treasurer. Don said he did not feel

comfortable with fundraising, but he was comfortable arranging for a loan for Tehama Together to get some start up money. He then agreed to commit to being treasurer for two months while Lupe searched for someone else to take that position. Lupe then said at this time she would accept the nomination for Chair of Tehama Together. Since she had already been nominated, the motion was seconded and the group elected her chairperson of Tehama Together by acclimation. Chris then nominated Orle for vice chair, the motion was seconded and he was elected by acclimation. Chris nominated Don Gerber for treasurer, the motion was seconded, and he was elected by acclimation. The new Tehama Together Executive Board is as follows:

Lupe Green	Chairperson
Orle Jackson	Vice Chairperson
Don Gerber	Treasurer
Colleen Sheehan	Secretary
Chris Pritchard	Chair of Education/Workshops
Orle Jackson	Chair of Community Resources Network
Kathy Moore	Chair of Food Entity
Gregg Gillies	Chair of Coffee House
Lupe Green	Chair of Publicity
Don Gerber	Advisory Board
Ruth Deike	Advisory Board
Nan Renish	Advisory Board

Unfinished Business:

Organizational Structure:

As her first official business Lupe passed out cards to be filled out with names, addresses, phone numbers, and some questions to be answered by the group. She then went around the room and asked the group to share their answers. She then collected the cards for future reference.

Lupe wondered about the structure of the committees that were currently in place. She asked the group if they wanted to stay with the committees the way they were structured now or did they want to add committees. She was open to suggestions.

Lupe asked Kathy Moore if she was still interested in doing a community garden. Kathy said yes but she had been waiting to see what was happening with the group before she got a committee together. Kathy and Lupe agreed to get together with the address list to reach out to people on the list.

Orle suggested that a program committee be formed. He said the purpose of the committee would be to set up a long-term plan for Tehama Together. He felt this might alleviate some of the frustration of getting Tehama Together started by adopting a three, six, nine and twelve month plan for the organization. He said he would also like to see a fundraising committee formed, a nonprofit committee and a facility committee formed. It was agreed that a program committee meeting would be the next meeting scheduled.

Space Considerations; Grange, JD Ellison Meeting:

Lupe said she would contact the owner of Chris's office space to see if he would donate or rent the space to Tehama Together for a nominal fee. The grange and JD Ellison were not discussed.

Start-up Funding/Fundraising:

Don Gerber suggested that he might be able to get a small loan for Tehama Together, which would entail the group committing to pay it back when the group became more solvent. A discussion followed as to whether or not the group felt that was the way to go. Joan Kaiser Bell voiced her strong disapproval of securing a loan under the name of Tehama Together since there was not a quorum at the meeting. The group explained to Joan

that Tehama Together had not yet decided if it was a membership or non-membership group, or what constituted a quorum. These decisions would be made as part of the incorporation process and the writing of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. All members would be invited to vote on the final documents, which would include these items. Joan was under the impression that this was already a membership group and she felt so strongly about it that she decided to resign from the group and asked that her name be taken off everything to do with Tehama Together. Lupe reluctantly accepted her resignation and gave her information card back. Colleen asked Joan if she wanted to be taken off the website and she said yes. Colleen said she would take care of that.

Website:

Lupe will talk to Ashley Stewartwall to see if she will continue to maintain the Tehama Together website.

New Business:

Elder Services Coordinating Council:

Orle told the group he had attended a meeting of the Elder Services Coordinating Council and he arranged for Tehama Together to be on their agenda at their next meeting.

Fourth of July Celebration:

Orle said that he read in the paper that the Chamber of Commerce and the fire department are going to put together a large celebration for the Fourth of July this year. He thought Tehama Together could have a booth at the fair grounds and have a raffle as a fundraiser. He said since July was just a few months away the group should start planning now. He mentioned that the raffle could start soon and end the day of the celebration. The

group discussed ideas such as; what would they raffle, where would they get the prizes, who would volunteer to get the prizes, etc. Further discussion will continue at the Program Planning Meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Colleen Sheehan reported that \$239.52 had been donated to Tehama Together since the start of the organization. This money was donated in supplies used for all of the committee meetings, educational books used for the nonprofit organization, and materials for the secretary to produce the minutes and various other printed material for the group.

Colleen said the money donated at one of the first meetings of Tehama Together, that was to be used for opening a bank account, is still in tact. That amount is \$145.00 with another \$10.00 donated towards the purchase of a book. The check that Joan Kaiser Bell donated of \$5.00 will be returned to her by mail since it had not been deposited. Since the newly elected Treasurer will be out of town, Colleen Sheehan will hold the remaining \$150.00 until he returns, or a new treasurer is elected.

Business Name Registration:

Colleen asked the group if she should reapply for registration of the name Tehama Together, Inc. since it expires on May 5,2009. There was a motion to reinstate the name and seconded. The motion carried and Colleen will send in the \$10.00 application fee to reinstate the name for another two months.

Future Meeting Schedule/Location:

The next general meeting of Tehama Together will be a Program Planning Meeting for all members to be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00 P.M. Lupe asked Orle if he would check with Business Connections to see if we could hold the meeting there. As soon as Orle confirms a location, Lupe will send out an e-mail to the group.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Written by Colleen Sheehan

Assignments:

Post minutes to website	Ashley Stewartwall
Search for Treasurer	Lupe Green
Community Garden organization	Lupe Green/Kathy Moore
Contact owner re: facility	Lupe Green
Return check to Joan Bell	Colleen Sheehan
Remove Joan Bell's name from all lists and website as per her request	Colleen Sheehan
Talk to Ashley re: website	Lupe Green
Follow up on Elder Services Meeting	Orle Jackson
Follow up on raffle and 4 th of July	Orle Jackson

Secure meeting place with Business
Connections

Orle Jackson

Reinstate business name registration

Colleen Sheehan