

January 2010 Ecovillage Board meeting

Present: Erin DeWitt, Kate Reidel, Nancy Sullivan, Ethan and Ezra Reidel, Nate Reidel, Deborah Jordan, Josh Miller, Suellyn Shupe, Sharon Wilson, Jim Drommond
Staff: Michael Washburn Guest: Charles Griffin

Meeting began with introductions, general expectations for the year.

We'll resume having potlucks at 6 PM before the official board monthly meeting at 7 PM, last Monday of the month, (could be fifth Monday some months).

Agenda will be published the day before the meeting.

Brief report from each committee at each meeting starting in February.

Erin outlined immediate tasks for Board:

Next meeting will address Policies and Procedures vis a vis membership, (who is a current member? How sustaining members recorded, etc.) Josh is Member Man

Ad hoc committee of Erin, Kate, Sharon, Josh will meet before Feb. meeting.

There is an Ecovillage desk in Imago office that can serve as repository for info, however ideal is to have as much as possible on line.

Kate explained her policy of handling finances, including reimbursements, consistent use of receipts for any income, use of committee budgets, etc., bookkeeper will write checks biweekly.

a) acquire Post Office Box

b) have separate bank account for CSA or Farm Project and Ecovillage, with on-line access for Treasurer and bookkeeper

(discussion whether to have two accounts, is that necessary? Review once bookkeeper in place)

c) two signatures for all checks, three possible signatories.

Nancy currently is signatory, need others: Sharon and Suellyn?

(take off Jim Schenk and Deborah Jordan, not board members)

Checks under \$500 need one signature, >\$500 require two.

Each committee should develop budget and submit to board for approval.

Kate reviewed proposed 2010 budget. Some figures are not included: insurance on rehabbed (unsold) houses, etc., more complete budget to be presented February.

Housing issues, current and future, need to be addressed soon in committee. Come to Board with specific recommendations for what the committee's objectives are.

Suellyn presented a balanced Farm Project budget, explained how it was developed. Also recommended that we hire Charles Griffin as farmer. Noted the increase in cost to ERUEV of Amercorps volunteer.

Budget accepted as submitted. Includes Charles as farmer.

Discussion re: who is supervising VISTA volunteer Michael now and what support he needs; he is interested in farming and would like to be more directly involved in farm project. Nathan Reidel could potentially supervise him in the interim after Jim Schenk ceases to supervise.

Kate recommended Michael meet with Charles and Jim S to discuss how he can be more involved with FP and also how Charles can be certified to supervise him.

Suellyn suggested that all employees, (VISTA, etc.), come to February meeting and be introduced, but not attend future meetings.

Voted to approve Jim Drommond as a full member.

Approved Jim Drommond as ERUEV bookkeeper. He emphasized source document receipts as critical.

Greenhouse grant of \$30K still has \$5000 unspent, (held by Imago). This was included in the 2010 budget for Farm Project approved by the Board.