

## South Whidbey Tilth Business Meeting July 11, 2017

**Present:** Trustees Prescott, Judy Kaplan, Angie Hart, Edward Hueneke, Andréa Linton, Ida Gianopulos and member Michael Seraphinoff and intern Emma Geiger

The meeting was called to order about 6:10 p.m. at the Tilth Sustainability Campus.

**The Minutes** of June 15 meeting were approved as written.

**Announcements** – The newsletter is going out tomorrow

**Finance report** – Edward reported that we have about \$14,000 in the sustainability fund and \$5,000 in checking.

**Membership** – Andréa met with her committee and they propose Tilth have a single renewal date for memberships. Approved. The membership committee will flesh out the details of how it might be done and propose them at the next meeting.

**Market survey** – Emma created a market survey that shoppers responded to. It tells us some things about what works, signage, ads, etc. and something about what people want. It would be nice to have more information from another Sunday market as well.

**Camping at Tilth** – We discussed the value and feasibility of camping using Hipcamp, etc. but more information is needed before a resolution can be proposed. It was generally agreed that Tilth members could camp on the land. Prescott will develop a proposal consistent with Tilth's policy allowing others to use the land.

**Whidbey Island Area Fair (WIAF) display theme** – Angie reports that the educational display is getting prepared. It must be entered by Sunday, July 16, 1-7 p.m. in the Burrier Building and set up by Noon, Tuesday, July 18. Angie will sign it up Sunday.

**WIA Fair** – Prescott and Andréa are organizing the effort with Deer Lagoon Grange members Chuck and Anna. Recruitment messages have been sent out to the membership for people to be involved in set up of the Tilth display and the fair veggie exhibit and judging veggies, plus the steward signup.

**Sustainability potluck and Raffle** Judy is trying to track down chairs, but no luck so far. She received some suggestions for possible churches that might provide chairs. There were several offers of trucks to do the hauling. Donations are coming in for the raffle. A planning committee needs to be formed. Networking with Slow Food WI are in process. Susan Cohen Thompson, a Camano Island artist, may donate some prints. We looked at several prints on line and will ask if we can use the one we all liked for our invitation. Prescott will followup.

**Whidbey Island Growers Association** – Prescott brought the request from the group to hold a dessert social for the agriculture community to network and to

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hold it at Tilth on Monday, August 14, 6:30 pm. We approved holding the event at Tilth and to lead tours.

**Wag'n'Walk, Aug. 20, 11 to 3 at Greenbank Farm** — Tilth has been invited to participate. Prescott raised the question: who shall we ask to participate? There were some suggestions of people we might contact and Angie volunteered to do a shift. Prescott will ask those suggested before signing up.

**Proposal to do T-shirts** — Emma suggested we do T-shirts. Something we have done in the past. It was agreed Emma should research options.

**Tilth member farm tour** Prescott suggested a Tilth garden tour of Lesedi Farm and perhaps other pea patches at Tilth in September. Ed would like to see other farms. We will let the idea season.

**Next meeting** is set for September 21 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church's annex in Freeland. No meeting in August.

**Adjournment** approved about 8:10 p.m.

*Minutes taken by Michael Seraphinoff*