

## **South Whidbey Tilth Council Meeting**

### **Minutes from July 19, 2018 at the Tilth Campus.**

The meeting was called to order around 6 p.m.; chaired by Angie Hart

May council minutes were approved as corrected and moved by Edward H. with no objection.

June 19 council minutes were approved with a motion by Angie with no objection.

There was a suggestion to condense the minutes of what the council makes decisions about. This led to a conversation to keep the recordings on Dropbox.

#### **Announcements**

The worm compost bin has pot worms because there's an imbalance, it's too acidic and moist.

#### **Education**

Report back about the Education display at the fair, it earned a blue ribbon.

There was discussion about where educational displays could be around campus during events such as the market, if there is volunteer energy to set them up and take them down.

#### **Membership report**

##### ***Membership renewal update***

Revised membership list contains 146 paid memberships and 20 complimentary memberships. From the unified membership mailing there have been 65 renewals or new memberships, 75 non responses and some removals from list. There will be an effort to call the non responders, as well as contacting people at the banquet. The process of moving to an annual unified membership day is moving forward.

The final report will include total members.

##### ***Discussion about sustainability banquet planning.***

Theme: Celebrating our members where good food and community come together.

Approved with no objections.

Are we buying salmon? Yes, if the price is too high, we can get less. Edward Hueneke volunteered to source and secure salmon for the dinner.

A committee formed for the banquet planning.

**Grant writing:** Ida and Prescott are working on it.

FRed resigned from the Vice President position. He would like to start a Food Coop. [Council accepted his resignation with regrets.]

**Ida's ideas:** Publish ads on Drewslist to solicit volunteers and announce work parties.

This reminded Edward H that we need to donate to Drewslist.

Recent work parties have been poorly attended. Perhaps have fewer, more organized/focused work parties.

Discussion of what work needs to be done when, the calendar helps with organizing seasonal tasks.

Idea to recognize volunteers and show appreciation for their efforts.

Ida volunteered to recognize volunteers at the sustainability banquet.

The on-site caretaker agreement is being drafted. There will be a draft ready for September.

**Finance report:** Look over and discuss balance sheet and budget.

**Market report:** short brainstorm how to more accurately count attendees, Andréa has been helping with marketing the market.

**Internship fund:** Prescott and Edward met with Good Cheer and Cary from the schools to discuss internship money. Some grants were approved, so there's an apprenticeship fund. When we do get another intern, we will have access to some funding through the fund. South Whidbey Tilth has collected about \$2,000 for an intern independent of the common apprenticeship fund.

**Whidbey Island grown week is end of September and early October.** Ida suggested a Harvest party. Andrea suggested we invite Slow Food to collaborate. A committee related to the market was formed.

Next meeting will be September 20 at the Trinity Church. Andréa will chair that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Compiled by Angie Hart*