

Minutes for KSC Meeting
January 12, 2009 from 7:15 pm-8:39 pm at Nightfire Natural Foods
Daywater Café

24 people in attendance:

Allan and Leslie Lowe, Ralph Opp, Juanita Hodges, Art Martin, Ronda Norris, Dwight Long; Mark London; Jerry Brown; Carol Reed;
Andy Cooke; Art Knight; Lise Kastigar; Lee Harrington; Linda Riley;
Brent Bunker; Dennis Taugher; Jay Talley; CJ Riley; Eric & Alison Andrews,
Carrie Wittmer, Paris Roussos, Tim Thompson

A wonderful dinner and the opportunity to socialize was enjoyed from 6:15 – 7:20 pm. (5 minutes allowed for dessert orders)

- A) Meeting started at 7:20 pm. Introductions were made, and Art Martin was thanked for his two years of work on the KSC web site (www.klamathsustainablecommunities.org).
- B) Dwight collected dues from new members to cover the cost of annual newsletters (approx. \$440 /year). This formerly was paid, in part, by our recycling of printer ink cartridges, but this source has “dried up”.
- C) May 19, 2008 minutes approved.
- D) Treasurer’s Report: Dwight reported that we began the year with: \$3023.71 and that after deducting \$541.97 (allocated for composting demo), and deducting \$600.00 (allocated for having Jerry Haugen maintain our web site), we have a balance of \$1881.74. Dwight suggested that since we already have the composting demo site set up at Mountain Valley Gardens on Washburn Way, that we could “un-allocate” the \$541.97 and since the web site is currently being maintained by Art Martin, we may want to “unallocated” the \$600.00 set aside for that.
Also, we had budgeted about \$325.00 for the newsletter, and it actually costs about \$440.00 to produce, so our budget will need to be adjusted.
- E) Agenda item: **First grader recycling coloring book revisions: need to form committee and get working:** Andy Cooke, Ronda Norris, Jay Talley and Leslie Lowe will form the committee to get that project on track, with a printing deadline of about March 20?
- F) Agenda item: **Plastics vs. Paper: Cloth bags? Group discussion: Possibility of selling compost bins again and/or tote bags? Grant**

from Wal-Mart or donation of 500 bags? Dennis Taugher heads the committee. Dwight Long stated he would contact Todd Kellstrom/Jeff Ball to get the ball rolling for a co-op agreement with the City, but Dennis said he will make the contact. Dennis will also email folks for the next meeting date, which will be on an evening after 5 pm.

- G) **Agenda item: Database project with KCEDA; update and new helpers needed:** need more volunteers to interview local businesses. Linda Riley, Alison Andrews, Paris Roussos, Andy Cooke, Juanita Hodges, Dwight Long, and Leslie will forge ahead on that endeavor. (After the meeting, Leslie stated that Azalea Blalock and Tamara Taylor would also be helping in this process.)
- H) **Agenda item: Food Forum connections with OIT, schools etc., "Organic Transitions", HAK, etc.- Next meeting is Jan. 16, noon at Green Blade at 1400 Esplanade.** Dwight stated that some of this food is being grown by Liskey Farms out on Lower Lake Road. By collaborating with like minded folks we can create our own LFN (Local Food Network)- folks which would include: Producers; Distributors, etc. Dwight said he could envision our "reach" going as far south as Redding, CA.
- I) **Agenda item: Next strawbale construction training and promotion of green building techniques.** Leslie stated that Paula Bandy and Nabil Taha had a Green Drinks gathering at Cold Stone the previous Friday. Future Green Drinks gathering would happen on the first Friday of each month, at places TBD. At this gathering, they set a date of Jan. 28th at Precision Structural Engineering (on 250 Main St.) for a meeting regarding forming a more formal green building organization as part of a national group. Paris mentioned that there is a person in Chiloquin that is a contractor who is promoting COB construction. He will see if this contractor would be willing to present at our group.
- J) **Agenda item: New Brochure membership dues changes, content, etc.** Dwight discussed the changes to the new brochure, especially the fee structure for membership. He made a motion to adopt the brochure with the changes, but Leslie stated that it should be reviewed by a committee, and "bounced" against the Bylaws to make sure we were not violating its terms. If so, we may need changes to the Bylaws also before moving forward. The committee is comprised of: Dwight Long, Ralph Opp, Dennis Taugher, Art Martin and Juanita Hodges. Lee Harrington and Linda Riley will work with Leslie on the brochure itself.
- K) **Agenda item: Fund raising?** Leslie stated that by working with the data base, we could identify businesses that may give/do something

for free that we could create coupons to sell to take advantage of these reduced rate goods/services. She said that she would work with Trey Senn for an Earth Day deadline for the coupon books. Ronda Norris, Linda Riley and Leslie will work together on the coupon book itself. Linda has a model called "Buy Local". Several printing outfits would be looked at, including: Shasta Litho

- L) **Agenda item: Quarterly meeting schedule?** Consensus was that quarterly meetings were a good thing, but that the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting.
- M) **Agenda item: Set date of Annual Meeting?** Wednesday, May 6th, from 6-8pm. Since this meeting tends to draw more people, it may be held either at Green Blade with Nightfire Catering?, or at OIT (Carrie Wittmer offered to reserve a place there if desired.), Nibley's on the Green, or some other place.
- N) **Agenda item: New Officer slate for 2009?** Nothing discussed, but nominations will need to be made for the Annual Meeting. Leslie is ready for someone else to be President (after 13 + years). Any one of you willing to "step up to the plate"?
- O) **Other:** Paris suggested as a way to attract more members/attendees to our meetings would be to use the "meetup.com" web service to announce meetings, etc. There is a fee, but Paris was not sure if it was \$20/year or per month. (I presume Paris was going to look into it, and let Leslie know more of the details.)
- P) **Other:** On Saturday, Feb. 21st there will be a Solar Open House at the Wenner's home on Cove Point. More info to come via email.
- Q) **Other:** Alison let us know that Mark Fenton was going to be in town regarding "Healthy Active Klamath" to walk the area and make suggestions to make our area more "bikeable and walkable". He is Walking Magazine's Editor in Chief.
- R) **Other:** Brent Bungler said he would work with Art Martin on the web site, and further stated that the site might be easier to manage using the Microsoft Publisher program.
- S) **Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 pm.**

NEXT MEETING:

**ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 6TH, FROM 6-8 PM,
PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE THEN WILL BE MADE VIA EMAIL, OUR WEBSITE, OR THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.

[Remember to let Dwight know if you don't need a printed/mailed newsletter, so that we can save printing and postage costs.

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