

**Zero Waste McMinnville Board of Directors
Board Meeting
March 4, 2024**

Location:

Carnegie Room

Board Members Present:

Ramsey McPhillips, Charlene Doland, Allison Ernst, Keith Jordan, Linda Werner, Steve Iversen, Susan Allen

Board Members Absent:

Gerry Hunter, Haley Queen

Guest(s)

Jeri White

Meeting called to order: 5:19 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

- Total in all accounts = \$22,174.06
- Caught up with reimbursing Haley, \$350 for graphics
- It was discussed by the board whether or not we should continue receiving paper statements from First Federal
- ***The board unanimously agreed to authorize Steve Iversen to inform First Federal that we no longer wish to receive paper bank statements***

Partner Organization Reports

Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County

- Second meeting with grant partners
 - Head Start has determined we can install community gardens at three sites
 - Created a garden design for Mac Habitat
 - They are very open to our design
 - In touch with their construction manager to collaborate on irrigation

- Mac HS is very keen on us installing gardens at the school
- Susan - ZW needs to utilize feel good stories for marketing

Mac Tool Library

- Board assembled and held first board meeting
 - Collaborated on the primary goal of the organization
 - Goal is to open a tool library in 2024
 - Board members specified individual roles
- Will be at the Farmers Market this year
 - Considering the idea of running a paired-down tool library from the Farmers Market booth

ZWM Projects & Reports

Sustainable Arts Festival

- Nothing new to report
- Vendors have been asking if it's happening, we've been responding no

Plastics Project

- Sent out report for last event
 - Really happy with these results
 - Took in \$2,400
 - Bill from Jame's Recycling was much less than expected
 - Profited about \$1,200
- Jame's Recycling has given us a break on bags of plastic caps, from \$65 a bag to \$25
- Ridwell model is difficult to implement here because of Recology's contract
 - Metro in Portland and Marion County have "flow control" which is different from Recology
 - Reminder that the State is changing the mandates that will affect the collection of these products
 - We can revisit this after the new laws take place
- Forever Ware
 - The Diner has been too busy to implement
 - Laughing Bean Bistro may be the very first implementer of Forever Ware (on the West Coast)
 - Great conversation with the owner and they are very interested
- Still waiting to get information from Recology

- Three spring workshops coming up
 - Solving the mystery of plastics
 - From Tupperware to Mason Jars
 - Plastics 101
 - Susan - we should collaborate more closely with other local orgs, like Mac Habitat
 - Ramsey - let's look into sending someone to liaison information from these other local orgs
 - Should we restart "Green McMinnville"?
 - Steve - We can't do this just in board meetings, we need to implement committees
 - Ramsey - let's pick a time in the next 6 months to call a meeting to get all these nonprofits together to discuss a green economy
 - June looks like a good time
 - We should work with these orgs, and pitch a "circular city" plan to the city
 - With this proposal, we will pitch to have the City pay to hire a "circular city" representative
 - Form a committee that should meet in March
 - Pause - do we have the bandwidth for this? Does this fit with the outcome of our strategic retreat?
 - Board is split
 - Let's plan a meeting to talk more about this -
- Monday, March 18th 5pm at the Carnegie Room**
- Jeri requested \$70 for printer ink cartridges to conduct TPP business
 - ***Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to reimburse Jeri \$70 for printer ink cartridges***

Food Waste/Composting

- March 11 is the start of Oregon "Food Waste" Week

Events

- Have not heard back from Doris Towery
- Steve - received very first phone call from the "Helping Hands" article

Chapul Farms

- Working on final report

General and New Business

Report on Mac Short Film Fest

- Really fun, but not many attended

Strategic Planning Recap

- Amanda reached out and would like to volunteer some of her time to continue working with us
 - Board still has some confusion about what we should be doing
 - Board agreed it's valuable for her to check in with us and our progress, maybe quarterly
- We need to meet as groups to create budgets
- Some still need to draft their personal job descriptions

Business Liaison Report

- Working on revamping communication channels

Other Business

- **Earth Day event @ Foreland Brewery, April 21 4-8pm**
- Spearheaded by Tawna from Grateful Gardens
- Five bands

Meeting adjourned: 6:21pm