



LCHAY Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008

12:00-1:30 PM

Amazon Community Center

Board Present: Jimmy Unger, Althea Olds Seloover, Keith Hollenbeck, Colt Gill, Jennifer Jordan, Brian Terrett, Terry Brooks, Loren Barlow, Lee Shoemaker, Marion Diermayer

Board Absent: Jorge Navarro, Susan Ban, Beth Gerot, Hillary Kittleson, Bob Keefer

Staff Present: Laurie Trieger, Sarah Cribbs

Announcements:

Laurie announced that ISEE (Institute for Sustainability Education and Ecology) is organizing a 5K & 10K Run/Walk on September 14; LCHAY invited along with 3-4 other youth focused programs to be named as “partners for sustainable schools”. Our name and logo would appear on promotional materials, there is no cost to us and no monetary benefit but it will be free publicity and help raise awareness of LCHAY. Board agreed to have LCHAY named in the partnership.

Keith announced that SPS newly hired food and nutrition services manager is interested in meeting with Laurie

Loren announced that PeaceHealth’s Community Health Committee agreed to donate furnishings for LCHAY’s new offices.

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Jimmy requested amending minutes as follows: replace “diphtheria” with “dpt”. Brian moved to approve as amended, Keith seconded, Board unanimously approved.

Executive Director’s Report was delivered with the following additional and clarifying information:

Agreements outlining Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation’s (SHMCF) fiscal sponsorship of LCHAY as well as individual positions for LCHAY Executive Director and Project Coordinator are finalized and are awaiting signature.

LCHAY Electronic Newsletter was distributed earlier this week. We’re using funds from Pacific Source Foundation web development grant for this. Old newsletters will be archived on LCHAY website. If Board members have information they’d like to see included in future e-newsletters, please pass along to Laurie (be sure to let her know if you feel *strongly* that it be included).

Farmer’s Market in Springfield opens tomorrow with 10 vendors to start; the expectation is that this year will be a building/growing year. LCHAY will conduct interactive consumer surveys 3-4 times during the season; good opportunity to reach out to broader coalition for help with the project. Laurie is also focused on facilitating the use of food stamps at the market and may bring a proposal back to the board requesting specific support be offered to the market sponsor for this.

FOOD for Lane County Youth Farm Tour: Laurie organized a meeting to acquaint Nancy Golden, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, with some youth nutrition initiatives and projects that affect students in her district. Laurie requested another Board member to attend this meeting with her on July 17, 9:30-11am. Brian volunteered. Laurie will also invite Springfield City Councilor Christine Lundberg to attend.

The following committee reports were delivered:

Executive, Resource Development, Program Planning, Budget & Finance, Board Policy (ad hoc)

Additions to written committee reports and oral reports as follows:

Executive Committee discussed summer meeting schedules- Laurie will send a Meeting Wizard to reschedule August board meeting; as well as tally anticipated attendance for July's regularly scheduled board meeting

Budget & Finance- no report- has not met since last board meeting; scheduled for June 23 to begin development of fiscal policies.

Colt reviewed the Policy Task Force's work. Section 2 suggests that the Board chair can be re-elected over and over while section 6 suggests the Vice Chair is the chair-elect. After some discussion it was agreed that Chair and Vice Chair will each have a "1 + 1" term (a minimum one year with option to re-up for a second one-year term as officer). Board agreed the Secretary/Treasurer position would have a 1 year term, with no term limit except overall Board term limits. Committee will bring language for suggested amendments to bylaws- along with working agreements- to full board for adoption at July's meeting.

Discussion of LCHAY applying for tax exempt status:

Given that Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation has made clear they cannot continue fiscal sponsorship of community groups and initiatives for the long term, Jimmy noted the increased benefit for LCHAY to having independent 501(c) 3 status. The only other option Laurie noted would be to find an organization that wants to add LCHAY to its programming. Laurie acknowledged that having our own 501 (c) 3 means more responsibility and liability, but along with that comes far greater autonomy and authority. Keith moved to apply for 501(c) 3 status, Althea seconded. There was further discussion as to the application process. The Foundation understands this can take a while and wants to see LCHAY make a good faith effort to take action and plan for future, independent of them. Terry expressed concern regarding the accounting aspects and time commitments of filing and maintaining tax exempt status. Laurie reminded the group that there is a line-item for professional services of a bookkeeper in next year's budget as well as the existence of a skilled board budget and finance committee. Loren spoke to the benefit and potential to receive federal grants if LCHAY transitioned. Loren called for the motion. Board unanimously approved we proceed with applying for independent 501(c) 3 tax exemption.

Engaging the broader coalition participants:

After much discussion regarding the purpose and function of the quarterly meetings, it was agreed to suspend them for at least the summer, using the e-newsletter as a means to keep broader coalition informed and engaged in the meantime. Ideas for future meeting format included creating "themed" coalition meetings (ie school environments) with sections or breakouts that address physical activity *and* nutrition interests as well as policy; or one built around the upcoming statewide legislative session- this could include policies likely to be introduced during the '09 session as well as some training on being an effective policy advocate; also mentioned possibility of hosting screenings with panel discussion of "Unnatural Causes" video series. The Program Committee will include discussion of community engagement in its upcoming work.

Adjourn at 1:40