



GROW!

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Bonnors Ferry, ID 83805

Meeting started at 5:37pm

In attendance: Dan Studer, Jennifer Jensen, Randy Tremble, Deb Foster, Jerry Pavia, Fred Hendrickson, Janet Sapp, Laura Snider, Colet Allen, Elsie Hollenbeck, Jason, Thomas, Keith Snider, Art Morin, Levan Williams and 1 or 2 more.

School Farm Initiative brought to agenda by Randy Tremble. Idea is to utilize an idle 20 acre portion and existing abandoned greenhouses on school properties to provide Provision 2 breakfast and lunch vegetation from a school-wide garden. Previous efforts are usually tied to a specific class, but he would like to see the school board look beyond classes and make a school farm, which would provide the district a revenue stream through the local market in addition to supplying student meals.

Mr. Tremble stated that improvements to food standards that have passed recently are more encouraging to locally grown vegetation than in previous decades. A business plan submitted to the board last year did not include the idea of a school farm, but a more refined plan is in progress. A question was brought up about whether the school would be permitted to use grown food, to which Tremble replied the problem exists not in principle but by the lack of inspection routes. The whole farm concept does not exist in the US currently, but he has been in contact with a farm operating under this concept for 130 years in England.

The 3 existing greenhouses Tremble proposes to use are located at Naples, Evergreen and Valley View.

Elsie Hollenbeck proposed that the education committee could involve the elementary in starting plants. Similarly, Evergreen school has plant sales already. Randy Tremble stated that greenhouses would need preparation to become operational, but that a timetable to mid-march would be necessary for effective operation.

Other business: Jerry Pavia stated that he needed a \$50 deposit to give to the county for reserving the fairgrounds for April 17th. Elsie moved to write \$50 check for the deposit and Laura seconded. Dan discussed \$1200 budget for the music event, and it was stated that the deposit would come out of that. A check was written and signed to the Fair Board.

Jerry asked when tomato seeds should be retrieved from his supplier – the answer was asap.

Announcements: Jerry Pavia stated that great music was playing at his house this Saturday.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were read from the last meeting. Corrections - Janet Sapp was mentioned in the minutes, but was not in attendance at the last meeting. Keith Snider accepted the Treasurer position in name only.

Minutes are to be read beforehand by the members. Minutes are to be emailed to members per list by the secretary.

Treasurer's report - Keith submitted resignation as treasurer, which was accepted by a motion and seconded. A motion was brought to appoint Anita Hanson as treasurer, which was seconded and passed.

President Jason Thomas gave the treasurer's report as follows: the beginning balance was \$1952, with 7 new members given an income of \$105, 0 expenses. The new balance was \$2057.96 as of 2/2/10.

6:18pm – 501c3

The IRS rejected the Articles of Organization as stated, and the corrections were required to be in the mail tomorrow, 2/3/10.

Laura Snider amended restated articles of incorporation, and took the floor to direct the required approval of the various articles to the proper format. The wording of articles 2, 8, 9, 10 – were practically word for word with IRS specifications so there was a very good chance that they would be accepted by the IRS. Included in the update was Article 4 which gave the names of the new officers & directors for the current year.

An IRS representative received the revisions by fax and stated verbally that they met the criteria. All that remained was to have the entire board vote on these changes, but not the whole membership. The article needs to be amended by who was eligible to vote, who voted for and who voted against each provision.

Article 2- Elsie Hollenbeck moved to accept, Fred Hendrickson seconded. Board voted, 9 for, no against – accepted.

Article 4 - Elsie moved to accept, it was seconded – unanimous for, none against – accepted.

Article 7 – Elsie moved to accept, Fred seconded – unanimous for, none against – accepted.

Article 8 – Additional article. Elsie motioned, Keith Snider seconded – unanimous for, none against – accepted.

Article 9 – additional article. Elsie motioned, Keith seconded – unanimous for, none against – accepted.

Article 10 - Dissolution clause, Keith motioned, Fred seconded – unanimous for, none against – accepted.

All articles passed, all eligible board members voted. Anita moved to send in amended articles to state, Deb Foster seconded.

Item 1 & 2 had been addressed, now for Item 3 concerning produce distribution. It was determined that the total was 41 plots, of which 9 belonged to Grow! So the amount managed by the group was 22% vs. 78% that was managed by members. It was then determined that 20% of the group managed

produce went to the food bank, 10% to the seniors center, and 70% went to the Farmers Market.

Item 4: How proceeds are expended? It was determined that 5% went to Farmers Market, 95% to general fund, examples -- tools, fencing, irrigation, water bill.

Item 5: Rental agreement with land owners. A copy of the lease with the Luthern Church was available, however the lease with Diana was not. Grow! would require a visit with Diana to complete the paperwork.

Item 6: Addressed.

Item 7: Concerning website objectives, Grow! Must provide time estimates for each stated objective that add up to 100%. In particular, among small scale social, musical events and classes,

It was determined that 70% of time was spent in education, list of classes from Jennifer Jensen would substantiate. 20% was for musical events, and 10% small scale social – e.g. tomato tasting, composting events, and picnic. Laura would insert a list of kids participating in these events.

Item 7: “Scholarships” was an issue – explain how the scholarships were allotted and the dollar amount in question. It was stated that the scholarships were economic and need based, and grow should change scholarships to sponsorships! They were based on perceived need. Laura should submit an application form for this item. Also, these sponsorships were made aware through presentations and groups, youth programs, community service, and the evergreen 4-5 grade science class.

Meeting place for small scale community events, picnic table, fair, various places in the community required clarification, and was clarified in accordance with IRS specifications.

Item 8: The GROW! Facility needed clarification. Grow meets at a local restaurant and no fees are charged.

Item 9: Compare and contrast GROW! To 4 diminutive examples of garden clubs. A sub-committee would meet on Sunday, 10am to powwow on Grow! vs. IRS gardening clubs.

Jennifer Jensen made a motion to write a \$30 for the refiling fee. Anita seconded. Motion passed -- check be written that evening.

7:14 pm Committee reports:

Grow! Should send a thank you for the church property. Funding has increased due to 7 new memberships,

Design committee – Deb Foster, committee met at Diana's place to determine what seeds will be needed. The committee will meet again next Tuesday. Elsie and Jen went to measure the acreage on the north side. Elsie asked what can be done for clean-up – there were tires, aluminum and a tarp. Most items could go to the landfill, but keep the aluminum.

Construction Committee – Keith: nothing to report.

Memberships: Dues have not been receipted, but now need a paper trail. A suggestion was made to

put a membership form on the website.

Dan Studer on website: Site is up to date, no other modifications other than minutes recently. He called for new suggestions to be tabled until next meeting, which will be on the 3rd Tuesday of February. One idea for the website that came up was a library on the website.

Education, Jennifer Jensen: She brought a monthly flyer / newsletter for review and would list events like the Barry Aiken concert. This flyer could be emailed to membership which caused a motion. Fred Hendrickson made the motion, and revised it to meet with Jennifer's suggestion that it occur every other month or 6 times a year. Secretary would email the flyer with the minutes to the Grow! Membership.

Fund raising: Jason stated that businesses that will be renewing at the \$50 instead of \$100. \$2000 will be coming in from this source.

Dance tickets... Dan Studer asked if Bonners Books could carry tickets. It was suggested that venues and the radio were used to make sure people know where they can get tickets. John of Bonners Books should be down with that, and tickets would be \$10. Fred would meet with Jerry about making tickets.

Dave Sims will be at the Grow! Meeting taking place the 1st Tuesday of March. It was stated that he wants to chair committee into bringing greens into Grow! group.

Committee worksheets would be created to outline a task list with dates for completion of said tasks.

Fred Hendrickson applauded guest members on sitting through a boring meeting, and suggested that they attend the membership meeting on the 4th Tuesday. The guests were Art Morin and Levan Williams.

Keith asked the group what construction projects are necessary? It was stated that hoops could be built for the garden? 2 to start. 4 x 24' feet bed lengths at Diana's.

Dan Studer reminded everyone that the next meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of February or the 16th of February.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.