

## WELL Coordinating Committee Meeting, Nov. 19, 2008

Mary Z facilitating; Madge notes

Present: Mary, Annie, RJ, Madge, Jane, Roger, & Liam. (Jason absent.)

Minutes of prior meetings – Nov. 8 and Nov. 12 - are not yet available. (Annie will try to locate the missing clipboard. If not, Madge has some notes.)

1. Storage Unit: CC decides to rent a 10x10 unit at \$75/month at Franklin St. (open 7am-7pm, 7 days/week) to enable accessible storage of everything but the desk, computer and one filing cabinet that will go to WAG. Annie will rent it by Nov. 30; Roger will provide a combination lock. We will reevaluate in no later than 6 months (also effective date of our MOU with WAG).

2. Office Hours: We decide not to try for regular hours in Dec; put this on later agenda for hours to begin in Jan. Meanwhile, Mary will check with WAG and Monique about their schedules. (Open office hours should not be when Mo is doing administrative tasks.) Email updates that Mo has been doing could be handled by Madge, Annie, and/or Freddie – will need to specify or rotate that.

3. Phone Presence: Liam reports on the order with ATT to move the one phone line effective Dec. 1, discontinue the other line, and options for voicemail boxes (at \$8 each/mo.). Mo will be the contact for ATT regarding billing/service. It's decided to keep just one voicemail box for now; Madge will draft a greeting message. We decide to rotate duty of checking the voicemail (at least every-other day) probably on a 2 week stint, including keeping a log of calls. Roger volunteers to do the first stint and to develop a matrix or chart of who handles which types of calls.

4. Subcommittees: It's noted that over-ambitious committees in the past didn't work, and that it's critical to involve more volunteers than just the CC! Maybe define "projects" rather than "committees" – each one needs a "driver" or point person to keep it on track (and possibly a budget).

To avoid reinventing wheels, RJ recommends and we approve buying "Transition Towns" by Rob Hopkins and pass it around. (Liam will order it.) Also recommends participating in HopeDance.org (WELL already joined).

CC members indicated following areas of responsibility:

Annie: Grange kitchen project, Film series (incl. focus on food & youth), Harvest Fest, Elder Talk. (She also organizes Spiral Dance.)

RJ: Ditto of Annie's plus interest in energy & transportation issues.

Liam: Newsletter (& he'll see later).

Madge: Direct appeal funding; Budget oversight; Grain buyers club; Membership.

Jane: Events (incl. fundraising projects), Speakers & PR.

Roger: Website (with our input); help on events & fundraising. Also interested in energy, transportation & water. He proposes a fire-dance & food event perhaps in Feb, to bring in new members, esp. youth.

Mary: Continue on food issues; grant-searching & writing; Harvest Fest.

Ensuing brainstorm on food/youth: Mary will be interviewing various kids' clubs (4H, Future Farmers, Allianza, the Tribes, High School) on food/farm issues & it could lead to ways to work together & organize projects, such as helping develop "victory gardens". A "Youth Gardening Summit" is suggested as part of our '09 Food Focus year. This could follow from a youth challenge camp planned by Kristen Frith & others in January. Coordinate with Becky Bowles (ag teach at H.S.), John Kashiro at WAG. Annie & RJ are meeting with Becky about showing food films at the High School. Jane willing to help make contacts, etc. Consider possible baking & growing contests, workshops, possibly in conjunction with Earth Day and/or a revived Willits Fest. (RJ also recommends "Touch the Soil" magazine & website.) Jason will be an excellent help on these ideas!

5. Election of Officers: We elect Mary as President, Madge as Sec'ty, and Jason as Treasurer. We also decide to take Michael H. and Liam off of check-signing and replace them with Monique and Annie. Mary will handle getting the signatures cards done.

6. Spring's letter: Mary's response will be sent from her and other ongoing CC members (Jason, Jane, Madge), noting it's not an official CC response. Annie may send her own response.

7. Annie & RJ's Proposal of Nov. 7: Many of its suggestions are now getting underway. Keep these on our plate. Madge suggests we set some specific goals for the year (& volunteers to do a draft for future CC discussion).

8. Steampunk Rally: Roger will spearhead this set of projects, with or without WELL backing. Idea is to excite & foster youth creativity, learn skills, have fun, and maybe raise money. Several tie-in possibilities: Roots of Motive Power, High School, Mendo College; Eureka kinetic sculpture event; existing race in S'Rosa; Crucible space in East Bay; idea of having a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Willits Solar Expo/Rally in 2010 (maybe with REDI).

9. Upcoming Dates: This Sunday will be packing, point-person Mary (Jane & others will help). Following Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> will be moving, point-person Roger. Next CC meeting will be Wedn. Dec. 3, 9am at WAG office (if no conflict) with RJ facilitating.

Loose ends for future CC meeting:

Madge will work on slight revisions of tri-fold adding "year of food".  
Who will do posters and other PR tasks?