

WELL Coordinating Committee Meeting, Jan. 12, 2009, 10:30am Minutes

Present: All C.C. members except Mary & Annie; Monique, Kimball, and Conrad Oho (visiting from Fairfax)

Facilitator: Roger Minutes: Madge

1. **Minutes** of Dec. 17, '08 are approved.
2. **Dates for next C.C. meetings:**
Wedn. Jan. 28, 9:30am – Jason will facilitate
Wedn. Feb. 11, 9:30am
3. **Grange Kitchen update:** RJ reported that 5 volunteers (RJ, David Partch, Jay Bonnet, Tom DeMarchi & Madge) spent a day cleaning up the furnace room & tearing out heavy ceiling to reveal damage to floor joists under the kitchen. Now a contractor will do an estimate. It's mentioned we should put out advance notice of future work parties to encourage more volunteers.

4. **Newsletter:** Several members felt that long accounts of our CC meetings are not necessary. Madge volunteered to do a short summary and refer readers to the website for full minutes.

Concern was expressed that so far there are no ads to offset newsletter cost. Roger will ask Liam to do more to recruit ads. (Madge also talked to Michael Stewart, who will spread the word.) Consensus is that we're committed to at least 6 months of regular newsletters while getting it self-supporting.

5. **Posters for Jan. 25th Food Event:** There was appreciation for getting it done as well as critique of the design. We approved giving Ron & Angela Greystar comp memberships in exchange for doing the layout & printing. In future, perhaps we can get a graphic artist to volunteer help on design.

6. **Plan for Jan. 25th Event:** Jason, Annie & RJ met and came up with 6 issue areas and a list of potential spokespeople for each, who are being contacted. Areas are: CSAs; Gardens/chickens; Granary/food storage; Cooking; Commercial kitchen; and Gleaners. Ask presenters to come & eat early so they can lead discussions. We figure about ½ hour total for short presentations. RJ offers to do signage for tables. Jason will try to collect blurbs on each topic to have ready on the 25th. Madge will have volunteers for a donation table at the entry. Bring name tags.

Menu will be lots of soup and crock pots; breads; salads. Who will coordinate this? Ask folks to bring own utensils, but C.C. members should all bring extra for those who don't. Also look in storage unit for supplies.

We need another meeting of the event organizers and suggested Wedn. Jan. 21st 10am at Jason's.

7. **Fund Appeal & Trifold Flyer:** Madge reports the letter & flyer are finalized, getting printed this week, with a mailing party planned for Thurs., the 15th. This volunteer opportunity will be emailed to membership. The mailing will also include a small flyer for the 25th event.
8. **Appreciations:** Roger suggests thank you's to businesses and volunteers who've helped support our work be included in future newsletters. Jane will draft this for CC review.
9. **Future:** Need to plan our goals, focus and activities for '09, including recruiting more members and more volunteers. This will be major topic at next C.C. on Jan. 28th. That meeting should also review finances (invite Freddie).
10. **Website report:** Roger explained our shift to the well95490.org domain and potential for individual addresses at this site. As time permits, we will need to move content from the Post Carbon Institute website to our new one, with potential to set up forums, a calendar, etc. It would be great to find a volunteer webmaster! Meanwhile, Roger & Liam are doing what they can.