

WELL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 9, 2010

Present: All CC members; Guests: Mike Burgess & Lila Ryan, Mason Giem, Laura Roland, Pat Norris, Harry Maurer, Cyndee Logan

Facilitator: Holly (plus Jane on last few items); Minutes: Madge

1. **Transition Town event & Follow-up:** The event with Michael Brownlee was inspiring and energizing, with about 60 attendees. There've been two meetings of an ad hoc group (10 or so) to follow-up with having TT Training in Willits, and another is this Friday 5pm, at the Grange meeting room. The training is now scheduled for weekend of July 30-Aug. 1. There's no trouble getting minimum of 20 participants, but ad hoc group is doing outreach to try to have a broad diversity in the training and organizations supporting it. WELL can be among sponsors and help publicize. How TT and WELL will mesh is unclear, but new energy & participation should benefit our common goals. Also the training will likely strengthen us in areas such as inclusiveness and communications.

2. **Contra Dance**, June 12: Everything is arranged and PR done. Kimbal asks those who can to bring flower bouquets.

Kimbal notes that the Grange suggests we keep a security deposit on file for all our future events there. Consensus is "yes!"

3. **Next WELL General Meeting:** There is consensus that, despite many events planned, we need another general meeting before Oct (which will be health focus and include CC election). We chose Aug. 8, 5pm potluck, to carry forth energy from the TT Training the weekend before. Kimbal will reserve the Grange. Holly agrees to be facilitator, with a committee of Jane, Laura, Madge & Janice to help shape the program, including status of many activities, new ideas, and round table about how WELL/TT can further our localization goals.

4. **Redwood Ave. Garden:** This item is on City Council agenda this evening. The garden, and prospects it will be kept, look good.

5. **101 Bypass Issues:** Madge wrote letters on behalf of WELL (reviewed by CC in advance) to both Regional Water Quality Control Board and City Council. The one to City Council also is being publicized (on-line and TWN today). Holly is proposing that City Council inform CalTrans and CTC that City does not agree to relinquishment at this time, with reasons, but not sure if that will be discussed or just a status report at tonight's Council meeting.

6. **Database/Office:** Roger has completed database installation and will give a training to those interested (Madge, Janice, Mo) next week.

There is concern that Mo is behind on bills and other office tasks. She & her family have had major health challenges. Jane will talk with her.

7. **Grants Update:** Laura reports that the HUD sustainability grant seems to have disappeared, but there may be other prospects. We should e-register on "grants.gov" which requires 5 steps. Madge will help provide needed info. Kids'

Club or others may want to pursue outdoor education for kids funds. Also mentioned are ideas for Native American education and having Willits Museum renew Elder Talks.

8. **Red Wagon Project:** Dee decided to postpone the May 22 event due to inclement weather (hail that morning!), and schedule conflicts are non-stop for next months. We'll shoot for Aug. 21, focusing on more winter crops, and following up on Farm Tour the previous weekend.

Meanwhile, Dee will try to distribute seeds & starts, and possibly recruit more potential volunteers, at the Kids Fair on June 19.

9. **Farm Tour:** Due to TT Training, this has been rescheduled for Aug. 14, which seems to work for all six farms. The committee will meet again next week and resolve questions about schedule, a group lunch, PR, etc. Also keep asking about ideas for classes or internships before or after Aug. 14.

10. **4th of July & Hometown Night:** Hometown will be Fri. July 3. Kimbal will sign us up for a table & schedule volunteers. At 4th Parade, we previously decided not to be IN the parade but to distribute a simple flyer (upcoming events, etc.) to the crowds. Madge will draft a flyer. Dee, Richard, Madge, maybe Laura & Jane agree to help distribute.

11. **Power Point/Outreach:** Madge, Pat & Laura will work on putting a PP together (Pat has a copy of Michael Brownlee's that is a good resource); then scheduling outreach to groups. We (& Janice & Harry) need photos of our events! Holly has some; any others?

12. **Community Market/Harvest Fest:** Janice hasn't yet done a proposal to the City, but still planning for Sept. 19. It's suggested that, in addition to private & non-profit booths, we schedule as many mini-presentations, maybe music, short films, face-painting, etc. as possible for a full, festive event.

13. **Food Summit Report:** Cyndee gave a report on this recent successful event in Ukiah. There are ideas for food-related businesses (farmers' coop), a food policy council to advocate for policies to help local ag, etc. More details will be in an upcoming report on the Food Summit. WELL can help educate & advocate (but not lobby) on these matters.

Pat recommends "Farms for the Future" on You-Tube.

14. **Eco-tourism/Sustainable Learning:** Jane reports that Bill Bruneau continues good promotion of these ideas. Laura recommends "Farm to Fork" – festive events linking farms to eaters, skills-sharing workshops, etc.

14. **Newsletter:** Deadline is June 25. Need articles on most of the above items!

15. **Next CC Meeting:** July 14. Kimbal will facilitate.