

WELL CoCom Minutes of 4/11/11

Present: CC Members Jane (facilitator), Kimbal Laura, Richard, Holly, Madge (note-taker), and new member Peter Norris; plus part-time guests Pat Norris and Antonia Partridge

1. Minutes of 3/14/11 are approved, and “To Do” list reviewed.
2. **Brookside School Farm:** Antonia’s strength is farming; she needs help to raise funds, which will otherwise run out at end of June. Patty Bruder (NCO/WAG) has been amazing at finding grants, helped by Mason & Cate (who unfortunately will be leaving in Sept.). Antonia would like a “boosters” group to raise funds, possibly a garden calendar, harvest dinner, and/or tomato-tasting event. Kimbal & Laura will follow up. Antonia also reports good news: a \$4,600 grant that will enable building a hoop grow-house.
3. **Grant Checks:** Checks were distributed to most recipients weeks ago; the \$1,000 for Willits Creek was done today, and the \$3,500 for Michael Foley’s farm project requires two check-signers to set up an account at the bank (Madge, Jane &/or Mo will do this week). Mo: What about Bill Bruneau’s \$500?
4. **Insurance:**
 - a. **For Emandal Chorale:** We feel this activity is consistent with our mission in building community connections, and vote to sponsor Emandal rehearsals & concert(s) under our insurance coverage provided they contribute \$200 per year, in new memberships and/or passing the hat, toward our insurance cost.
 - b. **For Michael’s Farm Project:** This is more complicated. Monique is consulting with Michael and our agent to see if it’s possible and, if so, how much it might cost. It may be our insurance could be a temporary stop-gap; possibly the landowner’s policy, or group insurance through Farm Bureau, the Grange or other, could be sought. Laura will follow up with Mo & Michael.
5. **April 17 (Charles Bush) Talk:** Bill will MC the event, starting with community announcements, Laura doing a brief WELL power point presentation (Madge is out-of-town), and introducing Charles. Madge & Bill had a mix-up on sending out PR, but will get to print & email media tomorrow morning, and Bill is getting some PSA’s on KZYX. It’s suggested we have a standard procedures manual for event planning.
6. **May 21 Barn Dance** at the Art Center: Kimbal has arranged the band, caller, and will handle snacks. She’ll coordinate PR with Cate (poster) & Madge. We decide to charge \$8-15 sliding scale; 50 cents for kids under 12.
7. **June 26 Transportation Forum:** Holly will lead; Madge will help. They’ll start planning soon. It’s noted that there’s a major glitch on the progress of the Bypass, in that Corps of Engineers is requiring no grazing on mitigation acreage,

which is contrary to CalTrans' agreements with landowners and would eliminate most grazing in the Valley. Interesting!

8. **2011 Goals:** We decide to devote our May 9 CC meeting to discussion of goals, starting at 4pm, either at Brooktrails Lodge (Jane will check) or the Library. We'll likely need a regular business meeting later, so save May 23. There were several suggestions to add to our goals, such as reskilling, elder talks, barn-raising, and support for Brookside Farm & Redwood Ave. garden. (Note: Laura is over-committed and will talk with Judy Luria about finding another leader for **Redwood Ave. garden.**) It's critical to have leadership for each project we undertake, and to recruit others so CC members aren't burnt out!

9. **Main Street Committee:** Holly reports they have not met recently. She & Bill will both stay in the loop for next meetings.

10. **Willits Creek Trail:** Holly reports that meetings with landowners have been happening and making progress toward agreements. The XX Trust handling this suggests a need, in addition to initial improvement funds, for an endowment fund for ongoing maintenance.

11. **Willits Schools Measure B Implementation:** After an update on the WUSD Board choice of buying portables, the CC decides to take a position urging the use of local contractors, consistent with our economic localization goals as well as being more sustainable and responsive to the community. Holly & Madge will draft a resolution, to be reviewed by CC via email, then sent to appropriate officials and media.

12. **Brooktrails Community Garden:** This project is moving ahead nicely, with a fund-raising bash scheduled Apr. 20.

13. **Earth Day Events:** WELL is a co-sponsor of Ukiah Earth Day; Kimbal & Madge will person a table from 4-8pm. Mason is also planning volunteer day and BBQ-potluck at WISC Garden for Earth Day.

14. **Power Point Outreach:** Madge requests help setting up venues for showing the PP. She also has DVDs of the Channel 3 presentation.

15. **Office Update:** Madge will continue discussion with Mo on how to handle workload, including improving office systems. Holly got an office key. Madge will get one to Jennifer.

16. **Next CC Meetings,** May 9, 4pm, Holly will facilitate, devoted to Goals discussion. Pencil in May 23 for a business meeting. One item: we need to elect a new Treasurer, as Richard has resigned from the Board.

To Do List from CoCom of 4-11-11

Kimbal/Laura: Follow up on (help create?) Brookside School Farm “boosters”

Mo/Madge/Jane: Set up account for Michael’s farm project

Move \$1,000+ from savings to checking

Mo: Check for Bill Bruneau?

Mo/Laura: Follow up on potential insurance for Michael’s farm project

Madge: Talk with Don re: Emandal insurance

Bill/Madge: PR for Apr. 17

Kimbal: Snacks & arrange for screen

Laura: Bring laptop & present power point

Kimbal: Coordinate May 21 Barn Dance

Holly/Madge: Begin plans for June 26 Transportation Forum

Laura: Talk to Judy L. re: seeking leader for Redwood Ave. garden

Holly/Bill: Coordinate with Main St. Committee

Holly/Jane: Continue follow up on Willits Creek Trail

Holly/Madge: Draft resolution re: WUSD portables vs. buy local

Kimbal/Madge: WELL table at Ukiah Earth Day

Madge/Kimbal: Meet with Mo re: office tasks

Everyone: Promote Powerpoint showings

Review & prepare for goals discussion

Send articles & ideas to Jennifer for newsletter

Holly: Facilitate CC May 9, 4pm

Jane: Arrange meeting space (Brooktrails or Library)

May 23?: Facilitator? Include Treasurer election on agenda