

## WELL CoCom Minutes of December 9, 2013

Notes by Kimbal, typed by Holly (w/ additions from Madge)  
Attended: Madge, Holly, Peter, Kimbal, Lila, Mike, Beth, Tim

1. Minutes of 10/21/13 approved.

To Do: Only unfinished item not on this agenda is Food Policy Council Update from Holly.

2. a. Penalty for cancelling phone line. Madge will call AT&T to see if “not informed or voted on by board” will work.
- b. Website committee will meet with Paul Jacobson and hopefully he can take on our website update. (Tim will convene.)
- c. Membership update: 109 members will be expiring in 2014, 95 so far received for 2014 from first mailing. We will wait until mid January to see who renews, then write the others another appeal.

3. PIF 2<sup>nd</sup> separate bank account is unnecessary because of lack of activity. Motion to close this account and use our primary account with separate tracking through Quickbooks. Will keep PIF, SOLLV, separate. Motion passed.

4. Fiscal Sponsorships (Motion, all passed)

- a. Farmers Market food stamp EBT program, with no admin fee
  - b. Grange Ag School (for tax deductible needs), 2.5% admin fee
  - c. Community Rights Organization in Willits (CROW), 2.5% admin fee
- At some point WELL will need to develop policy for being the fiscal agent and what that entails. However consensus is that this is a positive service that we provide to groups consistent with our mission.
- In regards to CROW we will need to be aware of possible restrictions for 501C3's in regards to campaigning rules if an initiative is launched. Peter will encourage donors to join WELL along with their support of the Community Rights education.
- d. ABC permit for WOWSER event discussed and re-approved.
  - e. Richard Jeske requested the use of WELL insurance coverage for his fruit tree pruning workshop. Motion, approved.

5. Lila will oversee renewal and additions to newsletter ads. We could use new advertisers.

6. Budget 2014, Motion to adopt passed with one minor change.

7. Announcements:

- a. NorCoast Transition meeting in Ukiah, Jan. 25. Several hope to attend.
- b. Public Banking: Ellen Brown program Dec. 14; committee following up, with possible Charter County initiative.
- c. Town Halls: Next one is Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Might focus on water (TBD).
- d. Community Rights (CROW): Group meeting regularly; more trainings scheduled with Paul Cienfuegos; also speakers. Potential initiative for Nov. 2014.
- e. Holly's report from Cuba (WELL program in early '14).

8. Sharing WEC office. Wonderful space but we can not afford or staff. No action.

9. 2014 Program discussion:

People present outlined the projects they would be willing to pilot, put their energy toward and guide.

Kimbal; Community rights, Farm Tour, Garden Exchange, Bike Show.

Holly; Cuba Co-op film and event (February) Bike Show, likes a “water” theme for this year.

Peter; Community rights ordinance and education (does not think WELL needs to have an active role in that process other than promotion).

Lila; already committed at her comfort level.

Beth; Farm Tour, Garden Exchange and Bike Show, likes “water” theme.

Mike; interested in local transit projects.

Tim; Community rights ordinance. Wants to know if Mendocino becoming a Charter County is important to that effort. The group agreed we should find out the specifics on Charter county vs. county wide initiative.

Madge; thinks water is an important issue right now, also Emergency preparedness forum, Farm Tour, Community Rights Ordinance. Also willing to do outreach with updated power point.

We agree a film & presentation re: Cuba from Holly can be our Feb. WELL program.

10. Next newsletter: Deadline will be Jan. 3 for completing that weekend. Madge will put out wish-list of articles & contributors.

11. Next meetings: Jan. 13 (Lila facilitating); and Feb. 10. (It’s noted that Willits Community Alliance has spawned Town Halls and a Council-in-training program; WCA is no longer meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays.)