

Tehama Together
Executive Committee Meeting
February 11, 2009

Opened: Chris Pritchard opened the meeting of the Executive Committee of Tehama Together on February 11, 2009 at 1:09 PM at 24 Antelope Boulevard, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Present: Chris Pritchard, Colleen Sheehan, Orle Jackson, Don Gerber, Ashley Stewartwall
Absent: Sushie Rose Hahnel, Tina Bacon, Lupe Green, Gregg Gillies

Website:

Chris announced that the website is ready. The name of the website is TehamaTogether.org. Ashley Stewartwall gave a brief description of the site and demonstrated to the group how to use the various options within the site. Ashley said she has e-mailed the members of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board with instructions. She said she would be available for questions or input regarding the website. There was a discussion of putting a disclaimer on the website. It was mentioned that we need a donation page and Ashley said she would add it to the site. The group congratulated Ashley on the fine work she did putting the website together in such a timely manner.

Announcement:

Chris announced to the group that Sushie Rose Hahnel has resigned from the co-chair position. She has decided she would rather spend more time with the Natural Food Market and she will continue to be chair of that committee. She told Chris that she would bring a friend to the Saturday general meeting who may be interested in managing the Natural Food Market.

Attorney Meeting:

Some of the Executive Committee met with Attorney Dennis Albright on February 10, 2009. Orle Jackson was not available to attend that meeting so Chris took a few minutes to update him. Chris said that since there were several members of the committee absent we would just discuss the attorney's suggestions at this time. The group felt that since the attorney has been gracious enough to donate his time to Tehama Together, it is important that when we meet with him again we have the information he requires in order to move forward. The attorney suggested we get the book "How to Run a Non-Profit Corporation in California". He told the group he would order the book and keep it at his office front desk so we could look at it at anytime. He will be on vacation for a week and he said his library would be open to us also. Colleen said she would order the book for the Executive Committee and Don Gerber donated \$10.00 toward the purchase of the book. The committee went over a list of items that should be resolved before the next appointment with Dennis Albright.

1) Tie down the name: Chris said she will go to the City Clerk's office Friday to look up the name Tehama Together to be sure it is not in use.

2) Decide on membership or non-membership status: The committee discussed the pros and cons of this subject. There will be further discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

3) Decide on one (1) budget: In the meeting with the attorney the committee shared its interest in having the different entities be self sufficient and have their own budgets separate from the umbrella Tehama Together. The attorney said the IRS would not go for that and we will need to encompass everything under the umbrella of Tehama Together.

4) Draft Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws: We will have to assign these two tasks as soon as possible.

5) Business Plans: Each committee will have to turn in their business plans within the next two weeks.

6) Should, or can we wait three (3) to six (6) months for the 501 (c) (3) to be approved, or do we file for Incorporation now? The attorney said that it would cost around \$800.00, plus a \$250.00 filing fee to set up a corporation without the 501 (c) (3) in place. Can we wait that long without losing momentum? Where will the money come from if we file for Incorporation? This item will be placed on the agenda for the next executive meeting.

Other Discussion:

There was a discussion of the organization's financial needs and Don suggested that we might get a loan in order to have some start up money. There was some discussion of the Treasurer role and that at some point we will require a professional person to oversee the financial component of Tehama Together.

Don Gerber mentioned that he hoped that in the future we might add an art committee. His wife Joan has some ideas and would be interested in serving on the committee.

Chris said she wanted to make the General Meetings more interesting. There was a discussion as to how that could be done. Some suggestions were: breaking up into small groups and sharing each other's history, or what brought each of them to Tehama Together. We could bring in a video to show to the group. or invite someone to speak on a subject of interest to the group. Orle said he would volunteer to facilitate a twenty (20) minute small group discussion at this Saturday's general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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