

Tehama Together
General Committee Meeting
April 8, 2009

Open: Chris Pritchard opened the meeting of the Tehama Together General Committee on April 8, 2009 at 1:12 PM at 20 Antelope Boulevard, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Present: Lupe Green, Elmer Eggers, Chris Pritchard, Colleen Sheehan, Joan Kaiser Bell, Don Gerber, Jerry Swart, Orle Jackson, Fran Crosby McBee, Kathy Moore

Absent: Gregg Gillies

Guest: Sheila Keng

Approval of Minutes:

Chris announced that the minutes for the General Committee Meeting on March 28, 2009 had just been posted on the website forum yesterday. There had not been time for everyone to go over them for corrections, therefore the unadopted minutes would be approved at the next General Committee Meeting on April 25, 2009.

Additions to the Agenda:

Don Gerber had some information to share with the group that he had received from the Public Health Department.

Introductions:

The group introduced themselves with a special introduction from guest Sheila Keng, owner of Sheila 's Acupuncture and Herbs. Jerry Swart shared his interest in organic gardening and how he had become an activist for organics.

Announcements:

Fund Raising Committee Meeting Cancellation:

Chris shared that the Fund Raising Committee Meeting scheduled for last Saturday at her place of business was cancelled. She apologized for the late notice but she was unable to be there to open up her doors to the group.

Red Bluff Rodeo Parade:

Chris shared that at the Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday the committee spoke about the possibility of Tehama Together entering the Red Bluff Rodeo Parade. She said there was a discussion as to how the group could best represent themselves in the parade. Chris said that she found out, after the committee meeting adjourned, that the following day was the deadline for signing up to enter the parade. Chris said unfortunately, there was not enough time to notify all members for their input. Several of the group in the general meeting thought it would be a great idea to enter the parade next year and they said this would give them ample time to prepare something special.

Old Business:

Location follow-up Bare Flag Restaurant:

Lupe said she had not called the owner of the Bare Flag Restaurant, but she did drive by the building and it appeared to be occupied. There had been some discussion of the possibility of using that building site as a location for Tehama Together. Lupe said she would call the owner and make further inquiries. Joan Kaiser Bell said that she had noticed there was an empty location near the courthouse that the group might want to look into. Lupe asked if the group was still debating on a location for Tehama Together. Chris said as of May 1, 2009 she would no longer be at her present location and therefore it would not be available for Tehama Together to meet unless something was negotiated with the owner. Chris said she felt there was a feeling among some of the members of Tehama Together, that a physical place was not needed and that they could be a

floating group and meet at different locations for the time being. Chris shared with the group that her original idea of having a place for the community to gather, and communicate with one another, was the reason she became involved with the project. She said she hoped that the group's goal would be to have a permanent place for Tehama Together. Don Gerber made a motion that the committee ask J. D. Ellison to come and inspect Chris's office. More discussion followed and Don asked Chris for J. D. Ellison's telephone number. Colleen mentioned that Tehama Together would have to come up with \$500.00 a month to rent that space. Don said anything could be negotiated in these financial times and Chris agreed. Lupe wondered if it would make sense to have one person be the point person and do the negotiating for Tehama Together. Lupe suggested Don Gerber and he did agree to take on that responsibility. He said he was leaving for San Diego for a few weeks so he would have to do it before Sunday. Chris said if he calls J. D. and sets up an appointment, she would get him access to her office.

Follow-up with J. B. Stacey from Cornerstone Bank:

Orle said that he had not heard from J. B. Stacey from Cornerstone Bank regarding the treasurer position.

Bakery follow-up:

Kathy Moore shared that the people at the bread shop are not ready to think about doing anything with Tehama Together right now. They intend to open their doors and have some take out items, but no sit down areas. Kathy said she was not exactly sure when they might open. She thought possibly in April, or even later.

New Business:

Space here J. D. Ellison:

Chris explained that at the Executive Committee Meeting there was a discussion about locations and one of the options discussed, since she was closing her office as of May 1, 2009, was for Tehama Together to take over her space as a start up location for Tehama Together. Colleen

Sheehan had gathered some information from the City Planning Department regarding what was required to proceed in order to take over the site and to get it ready for a Coffee House. Colleen was referred to J. D. Ellison with the City Building Department and since Chris had done business with him in the past, she wondered if the group wanted her to contact him to come and inspect her office space. Don Gerber said he had spoken with John Shelback (his phone number is 530-537-8020) in the environmental office at the courthouse. He said it seemed there was quite a difference in rules and regulations as to when the food was wrapped as opposed to cooking the meals and serving them in a restaurant setting. Don said he was given a checklist of items that gave details on actions to be taken.

Lupe asked if Kathy Moore had had a chance to contact members about forming a committee for the community garden. Kathy said she thought that was what the group was going to do at this general meeting. She said she thought the first step had been to contact the members by e-mail to see who might be interested in meeting to discuss the community garden project. Chris said she had been going to do a mass e-mail to the group, but she did not have the time to do that this week.

Don asked if people were e-mailed about this meeting and Chris said that Colleen had made calls to members on the list. Colleen said she was disappointed that more people did not show up and she was getting a little discouraged at the lack of turn out for the general meetings. Kathy said she should not let herself be discouraged because she felt that most people did not like to do the planning, but they would turn up when things start happening with Tehama Together. Kathy said there was always a core group that would keep things going. Don said that had been his experience with groups also. Chris thanked them for their comments and said she also needed to hear that kind of encouragement. She said that she was very concerned that if Tehama Together did not have a place after she closes her doors to her business, the group may not survive. She said that she deals with people from Tehama Together on a daily basis. She said she gets people coming in to her shop to talk about Tehama Together all the time.

Lupe said she was a little hesitant about committing to that amount of money every month since the group does not have the money right now. She said she would really like to discuss the grange idea, but still go ahead with the other plans. Don said that when he negotiates with the owner of Chris's office Tehama Together might be able to get the space for very little money because the owner might not want it vacant at this time. Chris said it had been her experience once a commitment was made, movement happens. The group seemed to agree with her. Kathy asked if the library had a meeting room and Lupe said yes, but the library closes at 8:00 P.M. Chris said starting out on a smaller scale seems reasonable and Tehama Together could always move to a larger location. Don again committed to call J. D. Ellison and see what obstacles the group would have to get over and then he would be able to talk to the owner.

Local Rancher interested in selling local beef:

Chris said an acquaintance (local rancher, who sells beef from grass fed cows), approached her recently. Chris said she had spoken to her about Tehama Together and she said she thought her husband would love to get involved with the food entity of Tehama Together. Chris said she would give Kathy the information to contact them. There was some discussion within the group of the possibilities of working with them and how this could benefit Tehama Together and Slow Foods.

Lupe wondered if she should get a feature article printed in the paper to offer information about the different food outlets available in the county. She felt an article might generate interest and requests from Tehama Together for information about local food sources. Chris wondered if they were ready with that kind of information at this time. Kathy mentioned that one of the things Tehama Together might do to generate interest was to hold some kind of an event. She said, as Slow Foods was getting ready for its Fork to Food event, it was submitting various press releases to the newspapers about the different venues they would be having. She suggested that Tehama Together could have a little event and send out a press release promoting it. Kathy said that tabling at a few events would get Tehama Together more exposure also. She

said she knows people are starting to hear about the group because she was asking people as she attends her various meetings.

Fund Raiser at Local Westside Grange:

Colleen Sheehan said that at the last Executive Committee Meeting the group talked about a possible fundraising idea. The Westside Grange was mentioned as a place to have a \$25.00 (or whatever price was decided) dinner plate event once a month. The menu could consist of locally grown foods and this might become a monthly event that the community would really support. Since getting the community together was what Tehama Together would like to do, this seemed like a good idea.

Colleen said she had spoken to Connie Lawrence who was in charge of renting the grange. Connie told her that Tehama Together sounded like just the kind of group the grange was looking to rent to. She said normally the grange rents for \$100.00 an evening, but she felt that the grange would work with Tehama Together if they felt the group was seriously considering monthly events. Colleen said they have a great kitchen, lots of chairs and tables for a sit down event. Gregg Gillies, the chair of the Coffee House, was a chef and owned a few restaurants back in the Midwest. Colleen said that he, along with the Slow Foods people could put on a great dinner for the community.

Colleen said that Connie invited the group to come and meet with them at their next grange meeting. Their next meeting would be Friday, April 17, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. There was a discussion about how else the grange might be used by Tehama Together. Several people agreed to go to the meeting on the 17th. Kathy said it was her understanding that members of the grange were allowed to use the facility with no charge. Lupe explained that the grange was a long-standing agricultural organization and had always been very prominent in any agricultural community; however, they are losing their support and if they do not get more activity from the community, they could lose the grange. Lupe suggested Tehama Together might use the grange as its parent organization. She wondered if the group could check out their facility as

a place to house Tehama Together. She felt that would be a win – win situation.

Colleen said that they have their dances there and wondered if there would be enough room in the facility for a permanent place for Tehama Together. Kathy said it would be a matter of supporting the grange and would give Tehama Together access to the facility. She said Slow Foods was pursuing revitalizing the granges in the local communities. She added that she was attending a meeting in Anderson and Slow Foods had already supported the grange in Chico and the Shasta Cascade Food Coalition was working with the Shasta County granges. Kathy said if Tehama Together became involved with the local grange she thought some of its members would join the grange and therefore give access to the facility. She said there are so many things the group could use it for, meetings once a week, gardeners could use the kitchen during the week to prepare their produce, etc.

Lupe said she wants to pursue the grange idea and Don said it fits right in with the times the nation find themselves in today. Chris asked how that would work and Lupe said the group would have to explore it to see what could be arranged. Orle said he went to a spaghetti dinner at the grange a few weeks ago. He said the members were very nice and they gave him an application to join. Orle said he was told they are seeking new members to add to the grange so they would not be in danger of loosing their facility. Orle said he also attended a flea market held at the grange last Saturday and there must have been thirty or forty vendors out back selling their items. Orle said the grange might be a place to have the headquarters of Tehama Together.

There was a discussion as to the location and the parking facilities at the grange. The group agreed to send representatives from Tehama Together to the grange's next meeting on April 17, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., to pursue the viability of the grange for Tehama Together's use. Lupe said she would be willing to take the lead on the grange issue. Colleen said she would like Kathy to be involved in this issue because of her involvement with the other granges in the county. Lupe said she had meant just for the one in Red Bluff since Kathy was involved with all of others. Kathy said Slow Foods was going to pursue this on its own, but

she could see many groups coming together in a coalition to help each other. She planned to meet with the Anderson people because she was interested in all of the granges' survival in Tehama County. Kathy said she planned to attend the meeting in Red Bluff on the 17th.

Lupe asked Orle how many people were at the spaghetti dinner he attended at the grange. He said they were coming and going so he could not be sure. He was only there for about a half hour, but it was a three-hour dinner. Colleen asked Orle how much they charged for the dinner. Orle said he thought around seven dollars. Don asked what the membership to the grange cost and Kathy and Lupe said around thirty-to-fifty dollars a year, individually. Colleen said she did not think to ask Connie about membership to the grange.

Lupe said she thought that what she was exploring and what Kathy was exploring were a little different, but mutually compatible. She said she was exploring the possibility of the Westside Grange in Red Bluff being the possible home of Tehama Together. Kathy said she thought it was the same thing. Kathy saw it as the group looking for an ideal location for Tehama Together to meet and that may, or may not, work out in helping to build up and revitalize the grange. She said she visualizes this group and other groups meeting and having events there.

A discussion followed as to what the granges represented in the past. Kathy said that along with helping revitalize the grange there was the idea of reintroducing to the granges the idea of using foods grown in local gardens, as opposed to opening a can. Chris suggested we might do two or three little fundraisers combined with the dinner. Lupe wondered about the possibility of there being enough land at the grange for a garden. The discussion continued among the group about the grange issue and some of the group seemed to be enthusiastic about having the grange as a possible place for Tehama Together.

This brought up a new subject. Chris wondered if this meant that the coffee house idea was now out of the question. Colleen said she felt that the original coffee house idea was slipping away. Colleen said the vision that Chris had at the first meeting of Tehama Together was a place for people to gather socially, to be able to interact with one another,

which would then help them be more informed about their community. This vision meant there needed to be a convenient place for the community to be able to come and go at their leisure. Colleen said the pictures of the original vision were still up on the wall, but other agendas had taken over the original ideas. Orle wondered if Tehama Together could have a Coffee House at the grange site. Colleen said she did not think the place was big enough to house both the Coffee House and the dances. Don suggested if it was big enough, a partition could be put up to enclose the Coffee House section. Colleen explained that the original idea of the Coffee House was for people to have access to it whenever they wanted to drop by and the grange could not offer that option. Colleen said the grange had events going on different days and times and therefore the hours of the Coffee House could not be predictable. The group again seemed to think that there was enough space at the grange to facilitate the Coffee House. They agreed that the next step was to see the space and talk to the grange people about their ideas.

Don said it seemed to him the group was dealing with change. Chris said that the group was dealing with a completely different concept than the one she had envisioned. Don said that change in an organization happens and some people have a hard time with it. He said it was hard for some people to let go of some things. Chris jokingly said as long as Don was ok with letting go of the original coffee house idea, she could also, because he was her Coffee House buddy. She added that he did not seem to be freaking out and Don said no, he was just dealing with his own internal change, because he too was thinking of the Coffee House being at this current location. Orle said he thought both of the sites should be checked out. He said Don could go ahead and get the appointment with J. D. Ellison to have Chris's place inspected and a group could go to the grange meeting to see about that place. Don agreed that they would do that. Don mentioned that springtime was the time for movement and now was when energy was up all around us. He mentioned that Tehama Together was started in the winter when energy was lower and Kathy said, and look how many people were attracted to the group.

Colleen said there were about sixty people on the list and when she called to remind them of the meetings many of them said they were

interested in the group, but for one reason or another were not able to come to the meetings. Colleen said her feeling was that they might show up at meetings once in a great while, but was that enough to keep the group going. She shared her frustration with what she felt was the lack of response to the general meetings and the requests for committee volunteers. She said she had never been a part of trying to organize something like this, but she knew that many of the others in the group had. Kathy said that her experience had been that people did not like to plan, but they would show up if they were asked to help on a project. Lupe said she agreed with Kathy that some people were active on their own and some people needed to be told what they could help with. She felt that when Tehama Together got to a point where they have things going on the people would come and join in.

Orle suggested that rather than Colleen doing all the telephoning, that the group should organize a telephone tree so that the members will hear from others in the group. He suggested, six lists of ten members each, and each month six of the group would call ten members on the list. Chris asked Orle to take that on and he agreed. Don said he would be in San Diego for two weeks, but he could call people from there.

Lupe said she would like to get back to the grange issue. She wondered what the goal was for that meeting. Kathy said that she thought it would be a good idea to get as many people from Tehama Together to go and they could meet a little earlier to look at the facility.

The community garden issue came up again with the idea that they might be able to do it at the grange. Kathy said that someone from the grange had contacted her a few years ago about a garden but she had not followed through with it. Chris said, to get back to Lupe's question, the goal of the meeting would be to put out feelers to see who they are, what they would be willing to work with, and the money involved. Don asked if Chris was going to the meeting and she said she would, but that she was going to step back for a while and not take on anything else. Kathy said she feels that as people meet at the grange it would promote membership in the grange.

Guest Sheila Keng had to leave early and Orle asked her if she would be able to come to the next general meeting and share her business and experience with the group. Orle felt that taking ten minutes out of the meeting, for one person to share, might be an idea for the general meetings. She said she would think about it.

Joan Kaiser Bell asked if the group were going to put together a community garden soon, because the kids would be out of school in a few months and they need something to do. Kathy said the garden takes a lot of planning and dialog and she did not feel Tehama Together was ready to take on a garden this year. Chris said there would still be a plan to form a community garden committee. She would put out the mass e-mail to all the members on the list to see the interest in the community garden. Kathy said that when she finds out who was interested she would e-mail them to set up a meeting. Lupe wanted to be sure that the whole group receive an e-mail so as not to exclude anyone who was interested in participating. Kathy said that sometimes it was difficult to include people in the meetings that have not been there all the time because a lot of time was taken explaining what had gone on in the past. Kathy said for example, decisions get made by the group and then someone appears that had not been attending the meetings and introduces another idea and that seems to slow down the process of moving forward with plans and projects. Joan Kaiser Bell wondered if there had been anyone particularly interested in the garden project and the group agreed there were several people who showed interest. Kathy said she was hoping for more people to be at the meeting today so she could get times people would be able to meet. She said she would now pick a date for a meeting and let Chris know to send out the mass e-mail. She said the people that are interested in the community garden would show up and they would discuss what the next steps are for the garden. Lupe said she would call the grange and see if they could have the community garden meeting at the grange and she would let Kathy know what she finds out.

Colleen asked if the grange would charge for those kinds of meetings and Lupe said she would find out. Lupe said if she needed to she would join the grange and Colleen said she would do that also if it would help with expenses. Orle thought it would be better to meet

somewhere else other than the grange until the official meeting took place with the grange people. He mentioned the Cornerstone Bank as a meeting place just to keep them involved with Tehama Together occasionally. Kathy said she would explore the nurseries also as a possible meeting place for the community garden committee and they might have a professional on hand that could answer questions.

Fund Raising _ what are we raising funds for:

Chris said the group still needs a Fund Raising Committee or did they want to wait until after the grange meeting. Lupe said she wanted to be involved in that committee and thought it should not wait. Kathy asked the question could Tehama Together legally ask for money and spend it any way it wants to. Chris said yes, but if it does not have non-profit status, donators could not write it off their taxes. Don said the group could use the Slow Food's non-profit status and Chris said that Orle had voiced some concerns about using Slow Foods as an umbrella organization in the executive meeting. Kathy said that she could see Tehama Together using Slow Foods in certain areas such as the community garden. Kathy asked if Tehama Together put on a fundraiser how would the money be used. She asked if the main goal was to rent a place right now. Chris said that was what they are trying to determine. Some of the group said it would go to rent a permanent place for Tehama Together and others in the group said it would be used to start a non-profit because it was going to take about \$1250.00 to incorporate Tehama Together and that would be the first step to get the non-profit status. Kathy said it seemed to her that Tehama Together was still on a fact-finding mission to see where it was going to go.

Kathy used the web design as an example of how Tehama Together could use Slow Food's non-profit status. She said she thought they would allow those kinds of funds, but right now, it seemed that renting a place was the main concern. Kathy asked what were the benefits to Tehama Together to have a non-profit. Chris said the non-profit status would allow Tehama Together to go out in the public and solicit funds for the organization. Kathy said usually a non-profit does something specifically with the funds they are soliciting and Chris said the funds would be used for projects such as the community garden.

Chris explained that the original premise of Tehama Together was to have the four entities, Coffee House, Natural Foods Market, Community Services Network and the education/workshops. All of these entities were to be self-sustaining and those entities would pay the rent. Any monies left over from the entities, or from the public donations, would go to fund special projects such as the community gardens. Chris said the community gardens were the first thing that the group was interested in, but they were not limited to that project. Once the community let us know what their interests were, or what they needed, the group would add those projects to their agenda.

Lupe said she would like to explore what it means to go under another organization's 501 (c) (3). Her understanding was that Tehama Together would function as its own organization using the other organization's 501 (c) (3). Lupe saw it as more of a bookkeeping/business relationship and making an agreement or contract with the other organization. Chris wondered what the benefit would be to the other organization to allow Tehama Together to use their 501 (c) (3). Lupe said that organization would have to see if it was a benefit or not. Kathy said she saw the benefit to another organization as Tehama Together providing a place for other organizations to go. Lupe said she thought there needed to be more investigation as to what that benefit might be. Kathy said for instance she could see Tehama Together and Slow Foods promoting an event together and Chris agreed that would be the relationship. She said it would be up to the entities in Tehama Together to support themselves because they would be self sustaining and not nonprofit. Kathy said she saw it as anyone could have a Coffee House, but if people donated monies for the community garden it could come under the Slow Food's non-profit status. Don thought that the group would need a tax person to sort those kinds of issues out for Tehama Together.

Chris said her original thought was to open a Coffee House/Consignment Shop, fund it all herself and then open it to the public for a gathering place. Kathy said that could still happen. She saw all the people who were interested in having that sort of a community place helping Chris get a business like that started in the community.

Kathy wondered if Chris saw the 501 (c) (3) as a hindrance to her pursuing that. Chris said yes. Chris asked what would be the benefit of putting the Coffee House under a 501 (c) (3). The group agreed that the benefit would be if anyone donated money to the Coffee House, they would have a tax write-off. Chris said then that that would limit the Coffee House from making money. The group said that the Coffee House could make any amount of money as long as all the money went back into Tehama Together. Chris said someone had to run the Coffee House and Don used the example of paying someone to run the Coffee House being a benefit to Tehama Together and the person running the coffee entity.

Kathy said she still did not see why Tehama Together needed a 501 (c) (3). She said Slow Foods would be promoting the Coffee House, promoting the workshops and Slow Food would pursue, encourage, and promote the use of the facility. Kathy used the example; if Tehama Together wanted to donate money to the community garden, they would get a write off from Slow Foods, and if Slow Foods wanted to have an event at the Coffee House, they would do that, which would bring in people to promote the Coffee House and Tehama Together. Kathy said she was just trying to understand the concept and did not want the idea of a community place to go away. Lupe asked if Kathy would have to go to her national office to get that idea approved. Kathy said she saw no problem with using Slow Foods 501 (c) (3) for raising money for an event such as the community garden. Lupe said that was not the only reason they would need a 501 (c) (3), She said she saw Tehama Together as a whole; so all the entities would need to use the Slow Foods 501 (c) (3) in order to have tax write-offs. Kathy asked why do they need tax write-offs. She asked what would people be donating to and what would Tehama Together be doing with the monies collected. Kathy said it was her understanding that this building would support itself by renting the space, selling coffee and products. She said she did not see a need for a 501 (c) (3) to do that. Kathy said the entities would bring in the money and support themselves. The Coffee House would be bringing in money; the farmers would be selling their produce, renting the facilities for events, etc. She said the community gardens were something that everyone wanted to chip in and help with and that falls under Slow Foods. Several in the group said this would not be possible at the beginning

since Tehama Together had no money for start up costs. Don asked Kathy if Slow Foods could do grant writing. He said that was a great advantage to having a 501 (c) (3). Kathy said it sounded to her like Tehama Together wanted the 501 (c) (3) to pay for renting the building and Chris said that was never her intention. Chris said her intention had always been for the entities to pay for themselves and, not only pay for themselves, but also make money to fund other things. Don said a large group at one of the General Committee Meetings voted to go after a 501 (c) (3).

Kathy said that idea did not make sense to her and Orle said he felt it made a lot of sense. He said he was there to be a part of Tehama Together. He said it had four entities and he felt that one of the most important ones was the information and referral part. He said it would provide support to the community organizations in Tehama County and that was going to take some funding because it would not necessarily be self-supporting. He said it would probably need a grant. He cited an article in the Chronicle about the dwindling of the cities non-profits needed. He said that was exactly what the group was talking about here. He said that with the financial times the way they are, gift giving was being reduced so non-profits were having a hard time. He said the group might have the opportunity to come together and support some of these social service organizations in the county. Community Services Network might go to some these foundations and get some money for them. They may give us the funds and then Tehama Together could support the other non-profits. Orle said he did not feel the group could do that unless they had a 501 (c) (3). He said he thinks that this was very important for the community. He also said if the group wanted to forget this concept it was fine with him. If the group decides they want to do a consignment and coffee shop, he would come and drink coffee, but to him it changes the whole concept as to what they started with a long time ago as far as Tehama Together and the organization. Don reminded the group again that there had a been a decision made at a general meeting that they were going to go in the direction of a 501 (c) (3). He said he had not seen the purpose of a 501 (c) (3) in the beginning, but as time had gone by, he sees the advantages.

Fran McBee said she had worked at Alternatives to Violence for over a year. She said they were a non-profit organization and she had been the shelter coordinator. She said she was paid full time to be the coordinator and that there were anger management groups that charged a fee for their services even though it was a non-profit organization. Kathy asked Fran how they used the money. Fran said it went for maintaining the facility, paying the facilitator, supplies, etc. Kathy asked how the non-profit status benefited them and Fran said for grants and donations. She said people were constantly donating things to the shelter and she gave out receipts so they could take it off their taxes. She said the point she was getting at was that people did have to pay even though they were nonprofit. Lupe mentioned that the fee that was paid was most likely not enough to cover the expenses of the organization.

Lupe said what she thought was going on in the group right now was a lot of confusion and second guessing about what it was that Tehama Together started out to do. She said she thought another meeting where this discussion would be the only topic would be a good idea. She said she thinks what was happening was that there were people in the group who knew the nonprofit world very well and others who knew the business world very well. She said it seems the group was clashing and they did not understand each other's sides. Lupe said she felt that there needed to be a good discussion about what the group was doing and why. She said strong feelings were coming up and she gave some examples: someone losing the original vision and someone feeling that the non-profit status was being threatened. Kathy said she had heard that a 501 (c) (3) was not easy to get and difficult to maintain. Lupe said that was not true.

Kathy said that collaborating with other established organizations could mean the monies used to start up a 501 (c) (3) could be used for other projects such as the Coffee House. Don said the monies raised do not necessarily have to go the Coffee House or the 501 (c) (3). He said the monies could go to the information and referral entity or the whole Tehama Together. Someone asked how much it costs to start up the 501 (c) (3) and Colleen said around \$1,250.00. Don said again that the money does not have to go to that. Kathy said if Tehama Together used

other organizations, it could still have fundraisers and it could still apply for grants to facilitate the projects for the community. Kathy said she was just asking the questions and group agreed that they were good questions.

Lupe said other ways they could go would be under an umbrella organization; another option was to partner with one or more of the service agencies in the community, some private, some public and use one of them for their non-profit status. She said there are several ways to structure Tehama Together. Kathy said there must be many organizations in the county that have dealt with these issues. She suggested the possibility of contacting one or more of these service agencies to ask for their input. It was suggested that they might be able to work under several of the agencies depending on the project they are offering the community. Kathy said she could see the Coffee House being run by Chris and Tehama Together working on projects that helped the community. She said if there was one room for the Coffee House, and a space for meeting rooms and a place for things to happen she felt that then the vision would be there. She said Tehama Together could then pay Chris rent for use of the facility so she could keep the place going.

Kathy said she did not want to see the nonprofit status limit Chris in what she had in mind for the Coffee House in the community. Chris said that was what she was concerned with because she was really struggling with the fact that she needs to make money. She said she could not work for free. She said she felt that someone needed to be available full time to oversee the whole of Tehama Together and make it work. Chris said what she had been hearing from the group, and since she does not understand the nonprofit way of doing things, was that under the nonprofit way of looking at Tehama Together she would have to continue to work and work with out compensation and this would and had jeopardized her own business. Chris shared that she felt she was loosing out because she was spending so much time on Tehama Together. She said she had had to close her doors and move her business to her home. She said she felt it would have been easier for her to say forget it and just have the Coffee House by herself. She said she then could have invited everyone to come and use the facility.

Kathy said she sees the concept of Chris's vision as having a place for all the existing nonprofits to meet and come together. Kathy again asked was the non-profit the way to go if there were two or three non-profit groups involved with Tehama Together. Kathy said the group should find out what limitations the 501 (c) (3) would put on Tehama Together.

Fran McBee said she thought the group had decided a long time ago to go with the Coffee House. Fran thought that the intention of Tehama Together was to be the umbrella for various other profit and nonprofit organizations. She said there are many, many in Red Bluff alone. Orle said that was what he thought the intention was also. Fran continued by saying she thought the idea was to have a place to meet and share information and to have at least a lounge and a garden. Don said he had understood that it was Tehama Together as a whole and it did not have anything to do with the Coffee House. It only had to do with the entities that were chosen under Tehama Together and the Coffee House might be one of those entities. Kathy said she could see the non-profit status used to hire someone to facilitate and keep it all together. The group seemed to agree that volunteers alone would not be able to keep something like this going full time. A discussion followed with the group sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings with each other. Lupe said she worked for the non-profit organization Discovery Center and she was paid a salary. Lupe said it takes an organization to keep fund raising to keep that going.

Chris said her vision had been the entities would pay for themselves. She said that she felt they would be profit-making entities that would make monies to keep the doors open for Tehama Together to do projects. She said it was always her intention to have all people coming in and for everyone in the county to be able to use the facility, not just the Tehama Together people. Don said he felt that would be possible. He said that the group had discussed membership and nonmember ship in past meetings and there were advantages both ways.

Chris said that as the chair of Tehama Together she had not done a business plan because she was finding that to do a business plan that does not support profit was not coming together for her. She said she

could not get the non-profit out of the profit end of it. She said that she does not know how to separate those two. Lupe asked what was it that she did not understand about that.

Chris said that she needed to go back to her original vision. She said she had wanted a Coffee House that she would bring all the community together. She said forget the non-profit, she just wanted a place for the community to hang out and start working on programs such as the community garden. She wanted a place to get together to chitchat and let new things spring up; where individual projects would spring up, for example Don and Joan might do projects of interest to them. Chris said her original thought was to have the Coffee House by herself but she would need to make a profit in order to keep the doors open. Chris said as time went on the meetings for Tehama Together had more and more people come in with their ideas. Colleen said that the food coop idea came in and that shifted the focus. Chris said she had no idea what so ever about a food coop and never intended to become involved with something like that. She said she was going to do a consignment shop to make money because she had owned a consignment shop in San Diego and knew how to run it. She said that was all she had in mind, but she knew she had to make money in order to give it back to the community. She explained that she knew how to money to give back by running the consignment shop, but she had no idea how to deal with the non-profit vision. Colleen said that a few people were very interested in the food co-op idea, but now those people are no longer with group, or, as Don suggested just barely hanging on. Kathy said she was glad they were having this conversation because as a new member, she was not in on all that, and she had sensed a struggle going on. Chris said it was never her intention to get someone else to fund the business. Kathy said she loved the idea of the furniture coming and going and others in the group said they did too, but agreed that idea had been replaced by the food coop idea.

Colleen said as time went on the group came up with the idea of the information and referral service which everyone agreed would be a wonderful service to the community. Orle Jackson volunteered to be the chair of that entity and Colleen said she wanted to work with him because she had done that kind of work in the past. Kathy said she thought these

were all wonderful ideas and so important to the community. She said she did not feel the group could lose that.

Don asked Chris this question, if all that could happen, if Tehama Together could get all these things going and you would run the Coffee House, how much money would you need to make a month to do that. Chris said she would need a personal income of \$2,000.00 a month. Kathy said she felt it took someone passionate enough with a vision to make something like this happen. She said that was why she had worked with Slow Foods for the past six years without being paid, but she had her day job. Kathy said that she thought it was incredible that with Chris's first vision shared with the group, what Tehama Together had done with the short amount of time they have been together. She said there was a great potential to bring the community together, i.e., with the community gardens, revitalizing the grange and getting people to understand all the organizations that are available here, whether their free, grant funded or the group needs to raise the money for them. Kathy said she thought this was a tremendous thing that had come from Chris wanting a cup of coffee.

Don said he had no idea Chris felt that strongly about the Coffee House. Chris said that her two passions are the Coffee House and the workshops. Don asked, but at first, wasn't the consignment shop the way she was going to earn the money. Chris said yes, because she never thought there was any way to make money—doing coffee. She said she thought she would run the consignment shop and it would help pay for everything else.

Everyone seemed to be speaking at the same time and Don suggested that not everyone should talk at once because they were losing some of the important conversations that were going on among the group. He suggested the group listen to each other and not stop a person from finishing what they are trying to say. Don continued his conversation with Chris by saying why couldn't Tehama Together pay her to run things if the group could get things going and why couldn't the group have a 501 (c) (3) to help with grants and every other thing the group wanted to do in the community. Chris said that the 501 (c) (3) was for projects and as far as she was concerned this was a project.

Lupe said she had to leave because the group was going over the scheduled time for the meeting and she had something else to do. She wanted to know when they should meet again to continue this discussion. She suggested that this conversation might need a special meeting and the group agreed. Don said it seemed Tehama Together was right on the verge of rebirth or death. It was decided that the group could not meet at their regular time on Wednesday because Chris was working at the Red Bluff Round Up all of that week and would not be available. Don was also going to be out of town for the next two weeks. There was no clear decision made as to when the next meeting would happen.

Fran asked Chris since she was moving her office away from this area did that mean that Tehama Together could not rent this facility. Chris said not necessarily, but that they have been able to have it free of charge because of her relationship with the owner. There was some discussion about negotiating the rent with the owner of this site and Chris's office space.

This brought up a suggestion that Chris had mentioned in the executive meeting. She said that because of her vision, and the fact that she does not want to lose Tehama Together because she would be gone, she would almost take this on herself, do it and get it done and then let Tehama Together come in and do their thing. She wanted to know if that made sense to anyone in the group. She said she did not need Tehama Together to satisfy her vision. Chris said she felt that the 501 (c) (3) was holding up everything. She felt it was holding it up in a way that was not benefiting Tehama Together at all. She said she felt Tehama Together was being slowed down by trying to have the Coffee House and the 501 (c) (3). Chris said she does not need a 501 (3) (c) to open up a consignment shop or a Coffee House. Lupe thought the group should do that and keep going with Tehama Together to get to the vision long range and keep Chris involved and earning money. Don asked if she was going to keep her sign business at her home and she said yes. Lupe again said she had to go since the allotted time for the meeting had come and gone. Lupe told the group before she left that she would not want to lose them. The rest of the group decided to stay because they felt the discussion was very important. They all agreed that this was a good

discussion and it would continue. Don said that he did not realize there was this much feeling going on until this discussion today. Chris said that she had tried to be positive, but she was struggling and she could not do it all. She pointed to the wall where the pictures of the consignment shop and the Coffee House ideas were posted that she had put up for the very first meeting. She said to the group, "It is there on the wall, that was what I wanted". Someone in the group said the vision was right there on the wall and Chris said it had always been there, but now it had expanded into other things such as the community gardens. Don said there was no reason the group should not be able to do both.

Elmer Eggers said that he thought that in order to succeed with the Coffee House it would need to be in town. A few in the group agreed that the grange was too far out of town for it to house the coffee entity and be successful. Someone said not only was it too far out of town, it was also rented out for parties and weddings.

Chris said she felt that they seemed to be getting back to her vision so she asked the group what were their options. She asked the group to imagine people coming and going, music playing, and the place booming and right across the street, there are kids planting in the garden. At this point Chris became very emotional because as she had said she wants this so much for her community. Don told her to keep the vision, never lose her passion for what she wants. He said that was what he had learned in his 85 years of life. Don said that he feels that having a non-profit status attached to an endeavor keeps one's spirits up. He said he was sure that the group had experienced this and he felt helping people could make one feel great in their heart. He said he felt that being of service to one's community was important, especially as one gets older.

Kathy said having a place for the farmers to go is huge. She said she could see the farmers and other non-profits having a place to refer people to come to and people just shopping here and supporting the facility. She said she was referred to a website that had something called the 350 project. The idea was to think of three independently owned businesses you would miss in your community if they disappeared. She said think that if each person spent \$50.00 a month in his or her favorite

local business how it might save that business. She said the business could be saved and the money spent in the locally goes right back into the community. Kathy said the money that would go into the Coffee House would go to the community garden and this could then feed the kids and families that need it.

Chris said that the consignment shop, even though it was not nonprofit, was a place where someone could bring something and actually sell it and make money. She said the town had lost McManns and there are many elderly people that are down sizing their homes. Chris said lets recycle it back into the community. Fran McBee asked if anyone had heard how well the thrift stores had done, compared to the regular businesses, around Christmas time. Chris admitted that it was a little scary to jump into a business like the consignment shop. She said one would have to depend on the community buying the furniture and it could be a risk. Don wondered if a big truck was necessary in order to bring in furniture. Chris said no that it was usually one piece of furniture at a time. There was a discussion about other consignment shops in the area. Chris said that what she had in mind was a warmer and more welcome ambiance than the warehouse affect. The group again spoke about not wanting to see the Coffee House in the grange.

Don said he thought everyone appreciated the energy that Chris and Colleen had put into Tehama Together and he felt Chris could be successful in anything she attempted. Chris said she did not want to mislead anyone; she was just trying to get things done. She said she wants to do something she enjoys and she wants to do something that involves her with the community. She said she loves Tehama Together and she loves people coming in to visit her. She said if she could have that and still earn a living that was what she wanted to do. She said she would work time and half because she wants a place where people could come in any time of the day or evening. Don said he was not sure what it would take, but if a few people would just hold on until Tehama Together was settled, maybe it could be done.

Chris said she felt her office space was too small for everything they wanted to do. Fran said that keeping it simple at first might be a better idea so that it does not all implode. Chris pointed out that the

space they were meeting in was not too big for the several entities that Tehama Together would like to have for the community. She said the space for the consignment shop was not too big, the space for the Coffee House was not too big, the place for the meeting room was not too big for workshops and the space for the information and referral entity was glassed in for privacy issues. She felt that altogether the entire space was perfect for what Tehama Together had in mind. She said there was even a playroom in back for when the parents bring their children with them to have coffee or to participate in the workshops offered. Chris said once she was out of her office space, this space would become unavailable. Kathy mentioned that it would probably not be rented right away and Don asked Chris how much money she thought it would take to get this place up and running. Chris said there would be no money involved in the consignment shop. She would put an ad in the newspaper, flyers out advertising for consignments and she felt the community would respond. She said the building would need to be painted and Don mentioned computers. Kathy asked if Chris had pursued other avenues for a Coffee House and Chris said no she hadn't since she was right next door to this place. Chris went on to explain how she imagined the facility could accommodate all the entities. Chris said the building flows so well, some of the furniture in the consignment shop would be used around the Coffee House as seating and conversational areas. As furniture was sold, more furniture would be added. The area for the consignment shop had a separate door for easy transfer of furniture. There would be people in and out buying coffee, going to workshops, buying or just looking at the furniture, etc. Chris said she does not need a lot of money because money was not the issue. She needs enough to cover her personal expenses and she does not feel \$500 a week was a lot of money.

Colleen brought up the fact that the 501 (c) (3) had not gotten off the ground. She said there are documents needed from each entity and they have been not been produced. Fran said the group could always do the 501 (c) (3) later. Chris said she thought that the 501 (c) (3) would be very simple if all these entities were uninvolved. She said gathering all the information for the various projects was easy to do, but trying to put to put together all the documents needed to justify the entities was very difficult. Colleen suggested that Chris bring in her information she had gathered concerning her vision of the consignment shop/ Coffee House

and submit a proposal to Tehama Together. A discussion followed as to the possible décor of the site using the new Country Side Cafe as an example of the ambiance the group had in mind. There was talk of getting local artists to paint murals, hanging local art, etc.

Kathy gave Chris the information on the ownership of the Children's Playground across the street from Tehama Together's meeting place. It was thought that the City of Red Bluff owned the site, but Chris and Kathy found that it had been sold to a private party. Fran said she had heard that the original owners (Kraft family) had said that if the city ever sold the Children's Playground, the property would revert to the Kraft heirs. Fran said the same thing was true of the Kraft Library and that ended up in federal court.

Chris thought the next step for Tehama Together would be for J. D. Ellison to come to this site and let them know what was needed to get everything up to code. She said they would need to get Gregg Gillies in to look it over again because he would most likely be running the actual Coffee House.

Orle asked the question was the group talking about Chris Pritchard's Coffee Shop. He said he was a little bit confused as to where Tehama Together was going and he felt a little bit used. He said he was not sure why they everyone gathered on Martin Luther King Day if the only reason the group was meeting was to fulfill Chris's dream and to provide her with an income. Orle said he felt as though the group was going in circles. Chris told Orle she did not know how to respond to his question. He told Chris he thought it be great if she wanted to have a consignment shop and a coffee shop. He said he would be glad to come and patronize it. Orle then asked Chris if the Tehama Together website was now her website. Chris said of course it was not her website, it was made for and belongs to Tehama Together. Joan Bell said it was a volunteer website and Orle then asked what was the group volunteering for, was it to support the private enterprise of Chris Pritchard. Fran said she understood Chris's whole idea was to give back to the community. Orle said Tehama Together would have to make a lot of money if it was going to cost them four or five thousand dollars a month before they have anything to give back to the community. Chris said she thought

Orle was a little bit limited in his thinking in that she was talking about four full businesses going on here. She said these entities, in and of themselves, would make good money, or have the potential to make good money.

Chris said she never thought she would have to justify and defend herself. She explained that her whole idea had been to have a place for the Community Services Network to be able to use for volunteers to run the network without having to pay it. Orle said he would not to run the Community Services Network under a profit making organization. He said he would not want to be a profit making organization working with non-profits. Fran said the money would not be going into Chris's pocket; we would be paying her to run it for us. Orle wanted to know who the we was. The group said Tehama Together and Orle said he did not thing it would t be an organization if it were not incorporated. Don said that was why he asked Chris the question of how much would it take to hire her.

Kathy said she felt Tehama Together was still a viable thing. She said Chris cares about the community, the group was all here and they could all come together and make these things happen. Kathy said she felt that was what would make up the group called Tehama Together and the group would be able to hold their meetings there. Kathy said the non-profit still could happen, but she said she does not see the Coffee House being a part of the non-profit. Chris said it could be. She said she was willing to work time and a half for the two thousand a month. She said she does not have to own this entire thing and just give 5% to Tehama Together. She said she would just need enough to live on and she would run the whole thing with help from everyone else, but she said someone had to facilitate it. Chris said it was not that she was looking to make a profit from this vision. Don mentioned that he felt she would also have to have an Executive Director. Don said he felt that what Chris was trying to form was much like the Y.M.C.A. model. Chris said she did not know if that was true because she did not know how to structure something like that. Don suggested that was why there needs to be a 501 (c) (3).

Colleen asked Orle if he had been there for the first meeting and Orle said yes. Colleen could not remember if it was at the first or second

meeting that Chris shared her vision for the community. Fran said it was the first meeting because she was there for that one. Fran said it was her understanding that Chris said she wanted to find a way to give back to the community. She said Chris had suggested that part of it be a coffee place where people could come together. Fran said that that idea was what attracted her to the group because it sounded a little like what the Bare Flag used to be and she missed going to the Bare Flag. Fran said there was still a need to find some way of supporting the Coffee House along with other projects such as the information and referral. She said the whole place needs to support itself and the Coffee House alone would not support it. She said she believed the consignment shop and other things would help support it. Fran suggested that the facility could then branch out into other projects. Kathy said she saw Tehama Together coming out of that. She said that Chris was passionate about all those things and she would be there to be spokesperson for Tehama Together as it grows. Don said he had heard Chris say she needed an Executive Director to help do all that and that was where a 501 (c) (3) could be of use in raising money for Tehama Together. Chris said she does not care how it was structured and she does not want anyone to feel she was trying to make money from this. She said she was concerned that if she steps out and walks away, and does not run it and keep everyone coming together without being compensated, it was going to fail. Chris said she just could not do it for free. She said Tehama Together needed to have more infused energy. Kathy Moore said she felt Tehama Together needed to stick to Chris's vision and all these wonderful things would come out of that.

Colleen said she thought most of the group had been together since the beginning and she felt they had been witness to the changing of the original ideas of the group. Colleen said Chris had been the one who had been the chair, had had to think about the workings of Tehama Together everyday, had coordinated meetings and made sure there was a place to meet. Colleen asked the question if Chris walks away from Tehama Together, what would happen to the group. She said she sees that as being Chris's concern and Colleen said she feels Chris was close to walking away. She said she felt Chris feels this way because she does not see any other way to give Tehama Together the attention it needs and keep her business running at the same time. Colleen said she had seen

Chris jeopardize her own business before with another project and she simply could not do it again. Don said he knows Chris had been acting as the executive director and Colleen said she was the executive director.

Chris said she pays \$500.00 a month for her sign business office and she was keeping the doors open, but not making signs. She was working for Tehama Together. Colleen asked the group when Chris moves her office to her home in another few weeks, and if Chris was no longer chairperson of Tehama Together, who was ready to take over. She asked who wants to become chair and take on that responsibility. Kathy said what Chris had brought together was what is here right now and Colleen said she felt it was Chris's vision that had brought us this far. Don said that he joined Chris in her vision and in fact, he announced Chris's vision to a large group of people at a get together at Phil Price's home several months ago. Chris said that was why she called the first meeting of this group together. She did not want to loose the momentum of the group that had gathered at Phil's home. Don said no one else had that vision except Chris and Chris had shared it with him. Chris said the group had come along, but it seems to have been made more complicated than it should be. Don told Chris not to let the 501 (c) (3) stop what had been accomplished. He said the group could do the 501 (c) (3) later, or work under an umbrella organization. Chris said yes, but Orle had some issues and she felt she along with the group did not want anyone to be uncomfortable with the structure.

Colleen said that the group had decided early on that they did not want to be under an umbrella organization. She said it was agreed that they would pursue a 501 (c) (3) and the executive committee proceeded to ask for documents from the other committees to be used for the bylaws and articles of incorporation. Colleen said she had done a draft of the Articles of Incorporation and a draft of the Bylaws. She said she had also drafted a welcome letter that Ashley requested for the website. She asked where was the rest of the information. She said none of the other committees had turned in their business plans. She said if the 501 (c) (3) was so important to Tehama Together why had it not been done. She asked the group why couldn't the executive committee get the information needed from the rest of the committees in order to submit the 501 (c) (3)? Colleen said she felt part of the reason was because

some of the people involved have moved on. Sushie Rose who had been the chair of the Natural Foods Market left, Ruth Deike who was helping with the 501 (c) (3) was too busy, etc. Colleen said that if the group had the \$1250.00 to submit the 501 (c) (3) today, they still would not be ready to submit it because they do not have the information needed to file. Don mentioned they could just let it go and Colleen was concerned about Orle and his ideas if they let go of it. Orle said it sounded like Colleen was saying that no one else had done anything and he felt he had and Colleen assured him that was not what she was saying. Colleen said Orle and she had put together notebooks full of information for the Community Services Network. Orle said he felt that the way this conversation was going he felt that right now all their work had been a waste of time. A lively discussion followed because the group felt that nothing they had done with, and for, Tehama Together was a waste of time.

Orle said he thought that Tehama Together had to be a legal entity to rent this place. Don said he did not think that was the case. Kathy said the coffee shop and the other entities could go on without the 501 (c) (3). Kathy said she thought the whole thing might move faster because it would not be a component of the 501 (c) (3). Joan Bell said they could name the Coffee House another name and then it would be separate from Tehama Together. Don said it could be structured any way the group wanted to structure it and he wondered why the group was being so hung up on the structure. He said that might mean the group was just getting tired. Chris answered him by saying the group would have to know how they were going to structure Tehama Together so they would know how they were going to run the whole entity. Chris said if group decided to do a non-profit organization, an executive director could be hired under a 501 (c) (3) to run the organization. Orle said he always thought that Chris would be the executive director of the 501 (c) (3). Kathy said that could still happen. Don said one does not necessarily depend on the other. He said he felt the group was trying to throw roadblocks into what they were trying to do. He said the group seemed to be trying to do several different things and he does think they could be done. Don suggested it was time to meet with the attorney again, but Colleen said the committees are not ready to meet with the lawyer again because not all of the information had been submitted. Don said there

are several people that might help get the group that information, but let us not get hung up on the 501 (c) (3) right now. Lets let go of that and he asked Orle to have faith that the group would get it all together eventually. Don said he hoped Orle would not see it as a waste of time. Colleen said she had spent a lot of time on the minutes and did not see that as a waste of time. She said if Tehama Together never had another meeting, the minutes are out there for all to see. She said its there to see; how the group first met and shared their ideas and how the group cared about one another and the community. She said she could not look at that as a waste of time, or having been used in any way even if for some reason Tehama Together did not survive. As Don said we all choose what we want to do, no one makes us do it and therefore we must take responsibility for our own choices.

Chris said the group would need to meet again to clarify some of these things and she hopes everyone understands her push and pull towards Tehama Together. She said she just does not know how to work under a nonprofit organization. She said she had no idea how to make it fit under the non-profit structure and still make it pay for itself. Don said it seemed very simple to him. Tehama Together would pay her \$2000.00 a month and she would be working under a nonprofit. Chris asked how would Tehama Together be able to make that happen. She said Tehama Together would have to pay for the position, but it also had to make an income to do that. Don said that was right and Chris said well then where would the money come from. Don said that was a different question. Chris said she felt she could make an income with this facility. She said she was sure she could start making an income tomorrow. Kathy said all these things could happen. Chris would be running the place; she would be talking up Tehama Together by just being available all the time. Kathy said she would not want to see this project not happen just because of the nonprofit status issue.

Chris said she had even been willing to take on the responsibility of this whole facility by herself. Colleen explained that at the last Executive Committee Meeting Chris offered to not give up her office site after she moves her office to her home. She would pay the rent by organizing the workshop/education entity of Tehama Together, offer a space for the Community Services Network at no cost and have a small

coffee area that would be a gathering place for the community. Chris said she felt she could work half day at her sign business and half day organizing and running daily workshops. Colleen said that she and Orle had voiced concerns that the workshops alone could not support everything and that would be a tremendous risk for Chris to take. Colleen said, in hindsight, she felt that the reason for her concern was that she was not a visionary the way Chris was and now she was feeling that maybe it could work. Colleen said it seemed to appear to the executive committee that the idea was too risky. Colleen said that she felt it was at that very moment when Chris saw her vision of what Tehama Together could be for the community going away. Colleen said she had similar feelings when at one of the last General Committee Meetings, volunteers for a fundraising committee were requested and the same people who always volunteer, stepped up. The rest of the group either said nothing or got up to leave. Colleen said that Chris's offer to do this on her own and take this kind of risk was why she knows that Chris does not want to loose Tehama Together and the vision of the community coming together in such a positive way.

Orle asked Chris what she wanted from the group. He asked, in her vision, what she saw the group doing to get the coffee shop and the consignment shop going. Chris said she needs the Community Services Network to get in its office and start doing what it was going to do. Don said this was still just in our heads. He does not want people to worry about what other people are going to do, he felt each person had to move ahead and do what they would do individually. He said some people would come and some people would not. Kathy said that what she hears Chris saying was here is the Coffee House, come, gather and do what you want to do. Chris said that was it exactly. Chris said she had no interest in doing information and referral, but others do. Chris said she was not even going to do a lot with the Coffee House. She said someone needs to run it and Gregg Gillies would most likely be that person. Chris said her interest was in the workshops and that was how she wanted to devote her time. Chris said that since Tehama Together needs money, and she knows how to sell furniture, she would run the consignment shop because she knows that would make money. Lupe, (who came back to the meeting after running her errand) asked for clarification. She asked

Chris if her idea was to have a consignment shop with a little coffee area and let her business site go.

Chris said yes, there was no reason to keep the other site. She again went through the explanation of how everything in the building flowed to co exist with each entity. Lupe said then in terms of the financial end of it Chris would see herself covering the entire rent for the facility from what she makes from the entities. Chris said that all the entities together would bring in enough money to cover expenses. Don felt the workshops would bring in a great deal of the money. Chris said the workshops would rotate depending on which workshops seemed to interest the community. Lupe asked if all the income came from the coffee shop, the consignment shop and the workshops, how would that income be distributed. Lupe reminded the group that to begin with there was no income, but Chris thought that income would be coming in immediately. Don mentioned taking out a loan to start up with three or four people backing the loan up. He said this was just like anyone starting up any business, but Chris said she was not sure that would be needed. She said that just by advertising and by word of mouth, she could see the place filling up with furniture to sell. Joan Bell asked where the group would get the loan and Chris said she knew nothing about loans. Don said he was just trying to answer Lupe's question as to where the money would come from since there was no money in the beginning. Lupe again wanted clarification. She said it was her understanding that Chris wanted to start the consignment shop and the Coffee House, and continue to work on the other segments, using this place as the base. Tehama Together would at some point work toward the nonprofit status. Fran said that was what she understood would happen from the very beginning meeting. Chris said again that the vision was to have a place for the community to meet and for the people to be able to support each other in whatever project that might be of interest to them. The group agreed that was what they wanted.

Chris said that she thought where the group became bogged down was when the group thought they had to come up with the money to run the place and that was never her intention. Fran said the intention was always that the entities would pay for themselves. Fran said she did not

see why they needed a 501 (c) (3) and if they did need it they could always get one later.

Colleen told Orle that she thought she understood why he was so concerned with having the non-profit status. She said she understood that the Community Services Network was much more non profit oriented than the rest of the entities and that because there would be interaction with other non profit service organizations in the community, it seemed important to have the non profit status, instead of a profit status. Chris wondered what the Community Services Network would need money for if they did not have to be concerned with paying rent. Chris said she had desks and office equipment ready for the network to begin working. Colleen said it was not as though Chris was trying to get Tehama Together to support her vision, as much as it was her vision supporting Tehama Together.

Orle wondered what would the group call the place. It could not be called Tehama Together because Tehama Together would be using the site as its meeting place. It was suggested that it might be called the original name Chris had suggested at the first meeting, which was Common Ground. Orle asked Chris if that meant that she would be signing for the lease and the utilities. Kathy said it seemed to her that it would be the home of Tehama Together. Kathy said it could be named Common Ground with a plaque that named all the entities that Chris supported such as; Tehama Together, Slow Foods, etc. She said this would be the place where everyone comes to find out what was going on in the community. Fran also suggested that volunteers would help with two or three hours of volunteer time, helping in the coffee shop or the consignment shop. Chris said she would need help if she was to keep everything going and Fran said that the money that was made over and above Chris's salary and expenses would go right back into community projects under Tehama Together. Kathy said they were not saying what she should be giving because it would be her place and she would be donating to Tehama Together. Chris wondered if Tehama Together would need a commitment from her for a certain amount of money each month. Chris said she did not know right now, what kinds of income she would be able to bring in and Kathy said she thought that would all work itself out in time.

Colleen said that since the Community Services Network would benefit the most from a 501 (c) (3) she could see Orle and her working on that together to make sure it was done. Don said he saw some problems with the 501 (c) (3) because he thought it was very difficult to have a non-profit and a profit making business together unless the whole thing was under the umbrella of Tehama Together. Don said he did not think the government would accept the coffee shop bringing in the non-profits. Fran suggested Tehama Together rent from the Coffee House and that would satisfy the non-profit part. Colleen asked how that would fit into the Tehama Together mission statement and what the non-profit entities would do for the community. She wondered if they would be legitimate enough to get the non-profit status. Lupe felt there was enough with the Community Services Network to satisfy the needs to qualify for the non-profit. Lupe said there would need to be some kind of agreement between Chris's enterprise and Tehama Together saying, that for a certain period they have the space free of charge. She said then when the group was ready to proceed with the 501 (c) (3) it would not include the coffee shop or the consignment shop. It would just be what it was going to be and the group would still be moving forward. It would be the Community Services Network and possibly the community gardens and Kathy said Slow Foods would work through Tehama Together to get those things done.

Chris said she wanted to make sure that all this was open to anyone who might be an entrepreneur and who was interested in running a coffee shop or doing workshops. She said there was money to made if anyone had an interest. Someone wondered if Gregg Gillies was still interested in running the Coffee House and someone else said that even though he might work as a volunteer in the Coffee House, he would need gas money. Colleen said the Community Services Network would also need some gas money or other items to run efficiently. Someone stated that was why eventually the group would want to have a 501 (c) (3) to get a grant for those kinds of needs. Chris said there would be a need for fundraisers in order to finance the different projects that come up. Don said the bank was much more apt to support a fundraiser that had a 501 (c) (3). Colleen said the bank would not give Tehama Together a free bank account unless it was a non-profit organization. Fran emphasized

that the group did not need a bank account to start the Coffee House or the consignment shop. The bank account would be for Tehama Together.

Chris said it was time to go home and think about all this. The group wondered about another meeting soon. Chris said she would be unavailable for a meeting soon because she had been reprioritizing things and she was doing the Chili cook off on Saturday. She said she would be preparing all next week for the Red Bluff Rodeo because she would be representing three businesses out at the rodeo grounds starting next Wednesday.

Chris said the next executive meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 1 P.M. Chris said the group would have to skip the executive meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 because she was unavailable. She said the next general meeting would be on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Lupe said something should be done to inform everyone about the schedules and she thought Kathy should go ahead with the community garden information. There was discussion about the grange meeting on April 17, 2009 at 5 P.M. and Lupe and Kathy said they would get together regarding that meeting. Chris said J. D. Ellison needed to be contacted about inspecting the building site. Since Don was going to be out of town for a few weeks, he took a few phone numbers. Lupe told Chris she would be glad to do the correspondence and Chris said that would be great. Lupe said she would contact Ashley for the information she needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Written by Colleen Sheehan

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| Make a note for parade next year | unassigned |
| Bare Flag Restaurant follow-up | Lupe Green |
| J.D. Ellison follow-up | Don Gerber |

J. B. Stacey follow-up	Orle Jackson
Health Department Information	Don Gerber
E-mail to members re: Garden Committee	Chris Pritchard
Garden Committee Follow-up	Kathy Moore
Phone Tree Information to Orle	Chris Pritchard
Phone Tree coordination	Orle Jackson
Grange Meeting follow-up	Kathy Moore Lupe Green Orle Jackson
Local Rancher/local beef	Kathy Moore
Possible events and press release	Lupe Green
Special meeting to finish discussion of Tehama Together's structure	Everyone
Guest Sheila Keng speaking at next General Meeting	Orle Jackson??
Fund Raising Committee	Lupe Green
501 (c) (3) status business plan by laws	Chris Pritchard
Negotiating rent	Don Gerber

