

MAY 19th, 2015 PIKE PLACE MARKET CONSTITUENCY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Ghoddousi, Chris Scott, Sharon Mukai, Tom Graham, Joan Paulson, Gloria Skouge, Joe Read, Ben Kirchner, David ott.

OTHERS: Howard Aller, Brian Anderson, Nancy Sherman, C. Vaughan.

The meeting was called to order by Tom with no quorum yet present. The first item on the agenda was a discussion with Brian Anderson from the Pike Place Market food bank. Brian began by passing put a handout fact sheet about the PPM food bank. The food bank has been here since 1979 and is currently located on level 5 of the parking garage and is open Tuesday and Thursday for distribution. Last year there were 31,000 visits. (Quorum was met at 6:05 pm). Brian said there has been a steady increase over the last two years. Where does the food come from? 65% is from lifeline or NW Harvest. Also, vendors at the Market contribute around 5,000 lbs. a year. Total pounds of food donated for the year is around 500,745 lbs.

Home deliveries include around 70 households each week in the downtown core. Volunteer hours last year totaled 8,200 hours last year. Paid staff is very lean. Brian is the only full time employee with a driver paid 27 hours per week. David G. asked about produce donations. It was mentioned that the warehouse that serves Uwajimaya is not donating. Howard Aller uses the Market food bank and said that the produce donated from the Market is usually excellent in quality. Chris asked about Market fish vendors. Do they donate? Brian said there is no participation from fish and meat vendors. Freshness is an issue with these products in a food bank. Brian did say Beechers in the Market is "huge for us" with large donations of Mac and cheese.

Chris then asked about donations from local super markets. Brian said they were generally pretty good, but the City Target by the Market had excellent donations and was the best of the grocery partners. Brian said that in regards to dairy products, they have an excellent large walk in cooler. Brian also mentioned that they got a Boeing grant for a new refrigerator and steel tables. Brian said that not only does the food bank make food available; it also teaches people how to cook it. Brian said he can be reached through the food bank website, brian@pm-sc-dtfb.org.

Gloria asked about funding sources. Brian said 1/3 comes from the City, 1/3 from the Foundation, and 1/3 from fundraising done by the Senior Center and the Figgy Pudding caroling at Christmas. Brian finished his presentation to applause for an excellent and interesting introduction to the Food Bank.

The next item on the agenda was maintaining the Constituency Membership list. Tom said that Jill Andrews will update the list to hand over. Nancy Sherman, a Market resident, has

introduced herself as a spread sheets and Data bases expert. She said she can handle the Constituency Membership list no matter what shape it is in. Tom said the Constituency can pay \$75 per month for this service. Tom mentioned that we now have a laptop that was donated by the PDA. Ben Kirchner asked about where Jill has the membership located, and does she have it backed up anywhere else. Nancy said that the information needs to be held more tightly together, and made accessible to everyone, with the list in an accessible central place-online. She said you should always have access to your data.

Motion #1 for the 5/19/2015 Constituency General Membership meeting: Joan P. proposes to move that Nancy Sherman takes over for Jill Andrews to manage the membership list for the Constituency, effective May 19th, 2015. It is seconded by Chris Scott, and passes with 9 yes votes and 2 abstaining.

The next item discussed is the 2015 Constituency annual election held every July. The Vice Chair, Chris Scott, is this year's elected official to run the election. Who is running? Joan Paulson and Ben Kirchner are running for members at large, Sharon Mukai is running for the Secretary position, and David Ghoddousi is running for the Constituency PDA Council Representative. Nominating committee will be Joe Read, Chris Scott, and Gloria Shouge. The committee members were approved by acclamation. The primary tasks of the committee are to find candidates for the positions, run the election on the 3rd Tuesday of the July Constituency meeting, and all day the following Friday. Members may run by the following methods: nominated by the election committee, by a petition turned in to the committee 7 days before the election, from the floor the night of the July Constituency meeting, or as write-ins. Tom will contact the Market News paper with an announcement of the election.

Officer's Reports: Ratification of last July's Election needs to be on the Agenda for the June 2105 General assembly Meeting.

We adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Mukai, secretary.

