

CMF Board of Governors / Meeting Minutes / October 11th, 5pm 2023

Board Members attending: Holly, Lisa (remote), Jared, Ben and Carol

Others attending: Emily, Megan, Karen and Rohn

Call to Order

Minutes were approved

Staff Reports:

Red Herring (Megan):

- **Handmade harvest** was a big success this summer; we were able to provide 750 - 800 meals using ARPA funds. The opportunity to connect directly with clients meant great feedback on what food they especially appreciated. Hearing the personal stories of how much the program means to people is also a great reminder of the impact these meals have on people's lives.
- Lots of good **upcoming events** (Folk and Roots dinner, CUDO Plays, etc.). There was some discussion about a **possible private event in December**, including a consideration of how many additional specialized services the staff is able to take on for private events.
- Continuing to work on **staffing** issues
- **Line Fridge** broke 😞
- **Sales continue to be strong** as the Red Herring continues to consistently at least break even. Closing on Mondays is working out fine.

Facilities (Rohn):

- Excellent progress continues on the **bathroom. Great job, everybody!**
- Work on re-stocking and preparing the **Food Bank**
- Revisions to the **Hotel Kit** delivery process (More \$ allows more choices for clients)
- **Social Justice Film Night** was a big success (Thank you, Red Herring!)

Director's comments (Emily)

- A **potential room rental** raised some questions. We discussed parameters around rentals when there are issues such as past unpaid rental fees or events that run past their rental time. Emily will follow up and reach out to others as needed.
- A **McKinley Foundation grant** could potentially fund a monthly film series that would be cosponsored by other community organizations. We discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a movie licensing package; it may not be worth it.
- If you've got ideas for **holiday fundraising**, please share them.
- We hope to do a **board retreat in January**. Facilitator JQ will propose some dates.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8 at 5 pm