

ALASKA



FOOD COALITION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOOD BANK OF ALASKA

JULY 11, 2008

10 – 11 AM

Toll Free Number: 1-866-316-1519 Participant Code: 723725

1. Welcome, Andrea Thistle, President

2. Mini-Grant Proposals

- a. Facts:
 - i. AFC has \$13,000 to give away in mini-grants
 - ii. Rasmuson Foundation will not be giving a match of the funds as they have done in previous years?
- b. Options:
 - i. Continue Status Quo – Same application process. Grants go out for capacity building, as they have in the past. Limit the grants to \$2,000, allowing for 6 grants to be given out.
 - ii. Capacity Building and Organizational Capacity – Membership wanted to open up the grant process for organizational capacity, e.g. membership to Foraker Group. Limit grants to \$2,000 and give out 6 grants.
 - iii. Food Purchase – Buy co-op foods. Allow members to apply for food or give out according to numbers served by each agency. Pay for shipping to get food outside of Anchorage/Valley. Not a long-term solution, but we've had lots of agencies ask about this possibility.
 - iv. Food Purchase for Rural Areas – Focus food purchase for rural areas, where gas and fuel oil will have the largest impact. Not a long-term solution, but there is some thinking that, without assistance, there is going to be a mass exodus from the villages this winter b/c people will not be able to afford to live.
 - v. Operational Funds – Open the grant process to operational funding. Lots of funders shy away from operational funds because it doesn't lend itself to sustainability, but in lean economic times, giving out money to keep the lights on might keep an organization up and running until they got into a better position.
 - vi. Other: ????
- c. Process for decision
 - i. Submit to membership and give them one vote by deadline date.
 - (1) Email
 - (2) Survey Monkey??

3. Capacity Building Grant Project

- a. Current Status
- b. Suggestion from Rasmuson Foundation

4. Wrap-up