

THE ALASKA FOOD COALITION



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 11 AM – 12 NOON HOSTED BY FOOD BANK OF ALASKA

1. Welcome

Linda welcomed attendees Susannah Morgan, Kerri Burrows and Andrea Thistle. Nick Timurphy was not in attendance.

2. Quarterly Teleconference Planning

- Treasurer's Report

Susannah reported that things were well with money right now. Kerri added that the AFC has taken in \$1870 in member dues thus far, just about \$300 less than FY07.

- Annual Member Meeting

With a short time to discuss the meeting, the committee decided to ask the members next week during the teleconference if they had any ideas for speakers or suggestions for discussion. After the teleconference, Kerri will set up another Exec. Committee meeting to iron out details about the annual meeting.

- Farm Bill Update

There was no farm bill update to pass on but Kerri reminded the committee that the coalition needs to decide what amount of money they wanted to spend on legislator gifts for the Annual Meeting. Susannah suggested a budget of \$1,000, which will be plenty of money to create a gift that leaves a lasting impression. This amount was approved unanimously by the committee.

- AFC Update

Kerri reported that there are currently 53 members, 10 new member organizations and 25 non-renewing organizations. Kerri is attempting to track down non-renewing members to get them to renew or verify that they do not want to be a part of the coalition.

Two applications for the mini-grants have been received. The deadline is September 30, 2007.

3. AFC Business, Concerns or Issues

- Should native organizations have to pay membership dues?

After much discussion, the committee has decided to redefine the membership dues for next year. Associate membership will be for **individuals** that work for agencies not directly working in the anti-hunger field, but have an interest in the issue. This would include state agencies, transportation companies and other coalition networks. These individuals **would not pay dues.**

General membership is for faith-based organizations, 501(c)3 and tribal organizations. These are organization members that provide direct service to hungry people or anti-hunger agencies. These **organizations will pay dues based on the sliding scale currently used.**

Additionally, it will be noted that any organization that would like to be a part of the coalition but is experiencing a financial hardship can have the fees waived if they contact the AFC manager.

- Do mini-grant applicants have to be nonprofits or just do anti-hunger work? The committee agreed that guidelines should not be changed for this year, but next year, the manager will replace the guideline “Is the agency involved in anti-hunger work?” to “Is the agency a faith-based organization, designated nonprofit incorporation through the State of Alaska, have federal 501(c)3 status or an Alaska Native Entity?”

4. Wrap-up

There were no other issues to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.