

Minutes - Solar Oregon board meeting - March 18, 2013

Attending: Mac, Doug B. Gordy, Bruce, Linda, Claire, Allen, Ellen C., Corey.

A. 5:15 – Mac called the meeting to order. Robert and Dave out. Scott out of town.

B. Budget Update – Gordy – bookkeeper on board as of today. Name is Ada Hayes, some non-profit background, and lots of for-profit background. Claire interviewed 3 people before selecting Ada. 10-15 hrs/week at \$15/hours. She will be a part time employee.

C. Report on the Budget: Net income of \$8,900 in cash year to date. A few questions and comments, but nothing of major concern. K-12 is running under budget. Accounts Receivable is now high, but ODOE is most of it and we are working on fixing those issues. Similarly AR from ETO is an issue but moving well towards conclusion.

D. Gordy reviewed the audit that the committee did for Earthshare. One item discussed was in house limit on checks before two sig's are required – sometimes it is hard to find the two people to sign.

E. **Gordy moved that we add the treasurer to the list of allowable sig's on big checks, so any two of three people can sign and also that the limit before two sig's will be any above \$2500. Linda seconded – passed unanimously.**

F. Discussion of Fed Form 990 – shall we post it to the web page? After discussion, Mac recommended we leave the decision up to the Operations Committee and everyone agreed.

G. Discussion of receipts for 'at the door' events like Solar Drinks. We will offer receipts upon request in these cases, but not try to do receipts for all of the income.

H. Final draft due from Gordy before issuing to EarthShare.

I. Mac is leaving EarthShare board in June, so we have an opportunity to have another SO member on the Board of EarthShare. See Mac if anyone is interested in this opportunity. All agreed we should try to put an article in the Newsletter about it; **Mac will check with Earthshare on this and write something up.**

J. Committee updates: Corey – Development committee – reported on Winery tour – good sponsorship so far – more needed. Corey will send the board an email providing details of the needs for help. Website looks great. Photos will be uploaded tonight. **Corey would like ALL board members to help promote the event,** info in a coming email, will include facebook page, etc. Discussion of other aspects of the work...we will try to get the flyer made into a poster for Better Living show presentation. We will sell raffle tickets to winery tour and give free raffle tickets to new members that sign up for SO membership during the show.

K. Corey asked for help on the Solar Drinks coming in April (Melody Ballroom, SE Portland, has solar on roof) – we discussed topics to be covered in a Solar Winery Solar Drinks.

L. Bruce will discuss with EV contacts to see about sponsorship on Winery tour. Try to get an EV to act as 'sag wagon' for carrying wine so people don't have to deal with it on the buses.

M. Mac discussed marketing committee. Messaging is the topic most discussed and they are working on Better Living.

N. Development Committee – Claire talked with Thor Hinckley of PGE on setting up a program to help mid-size non-profits to solarize (from Clean Wind funds). She will set up a team to develop a proposal to present in a meeting with Thor.

O. \$7500 was awarded from Hoover Family Foundation for k-12! We haven't seen the check yet but expect no problems.

P. We learned we were turned down on the Miller Foundation and the \$4500 Meyer Foundation grants.

Q. Resource Consultants will help us with development plan and strategic plan and they will do it as a donation to us!

R. Oregon Community Foundation has a grant that we are applying for (for K-12), and a first meeting with Clair and Morgan went VERY well!

S. Claire discussed 'DOE Sunshot' grant and our role in it. She has rec'd a letter of support from Pacific Power, and PGE letter is in process. Claire has been working on the application; recruiting jurisdictions and utilities to commit to support. Final package from Claire due Wednesday then we will be done with the process, but she has been very busy working on this. This current process is the second phase of the grant, so we have passed the first hurdle for this Federal money.

T. Policy – Claire discussed coming legislation. SO will be publishing our report soon (on net metering). HB2893 has ballooned into a time drain – it was a feed in tariff expansion, but now looks like PGE's solar incentive model...now it is like a solar resource value bill, and it needs some adjustment/changes. We have been working with OSEIA, CUB, etc. on educating the legislators. We have been trying to get something going on extending the feed in tariff limits. The board discussed a letter from Environment Oregon that we have been asked to sign. We agreed to talk with EO more about it...but we will support it.

U. Hearing on Thursday for SB562 – community solar.

V. Mac mentioned that the Newsletter that presented the Legislative efforts for solar was very well written – congrats to Claire for that effort. He will be asking for Board members to help with the effort of keeping track of legislation.

W. Solar City worked with Mac on increasing their sponsorship activities. He would like to get them involved in newsletter sponsorship, or maybe paid internship for SO. Corey mentioned that we should offer all an opportunity for an internship, not just Solar City. Mac will follow up on the idea....

X. Adjourned at 7:40.