EdenAcres Minutes February 26th, 2015

Attendance: Terry, Marcia, Rod, Erin, Charlie, Fallon (on conf. call)

**Tasks:**

* All - edit your bio and send to Rod. Find board members to give Rod’s packet to!
* Charlie – meet up with PTO, discuss afterschool club development
* Rod – finishing up work on board packet, follow up with Swallowtail
* Marcia – integrate feedback on brochure, collaboration with service organizations
* Terry – working on grant and 501c3. Everyone read and provide feedback. Clarify Metro Grant partner (Centro; Adelante; CLC? someone else?
* Tess- make logo beautiful.

Next Meeting: Thur. March 19th; At Abbott Alumni Center [Pacific U. Campus](http://www.pacificu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/campusmap_4.pdf)   (on Cedar Street across the street from the tennis courts)

**Reports/ Announcements/ Check-in**

* Organizational Development
* [Board Package](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gbU4kNpvjFfkzKcGUK893aGIMIpMHy6IIt3xq5sGWk8/edit) (Rod) –re-formatted and edited; attachments added. Rod will only be here (in person) for one more meeting, thanks for all the amazing work on this!
* [Action Plan](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NAFZVWueapnVD31pllsORF70zsPJVkzhyUHquq_uDM0/edit?usp=sharing_eid)  (Fallon) – Marcia has structured Fallon’s “Work Plan” more formally. This should not yet go in the board packet, but is a good reference for us. Terry will organize all these resources better on our website.
* Insurance, legal (Terry) – met with insurance agent, filled out forms. We will receive insurance costs within a few weeks. Cost is affected by level of background check performed for adults working with kids. Insurers need to see policies for employees and volunteers. Ballpark estimate for board members, directors & officers: $8-900/year. Events are extra
* [501(c)3](https://sites.google.com/site/fgexploratorium/org-development/articles-of-incorporation/501-c-3-narrative) (Terry) – EZ form – cannot make more than $50,000/year. If you end up making more, there’s no clear penalty. Right now, we can use partner organizations as fiscal agents. Cost - $400 – donations welcome! This should be ready by May?.
* Outreach
* Lions Club (Marcia) – went to conference last weekend, benefit from associating with Lions is insurance for activities, and name recognition. Lions is very active among service clubs.
* Klamath County S.D. ODS budget approved in 2013– $40,000 grant from Gray
* Can we talk to the News Times with an article about us?
* CLC – afterschool clubs at Tom McCall, large source of funding. Could we run a club through this program? Cooking club? Charlie had a program at B Street, currently does Roots and Shoots.
* Jane Goodall coming to Oregon Oct 15/16, Charlie advocating for Pacific U as site.
* OR EE conference – March 18-20th, Gresham, $200. <http://www.eeao.org>

**Discussion**

* Brand Identity – Marcia finished a version of a brochure! Lisa Joe’s feedback- needs more space; too wordy. Others like it. Lets continue to play.
* Fallon worked on Style sheet –for color schemes, fonts, logo – Libian SC Regular
* Motto – “one stop shopping,” “environmental education: we make it happen, its what we do”; Something else? What is it going to be?
* Grants
* Metro Conservation Education
* Jose at Centro has retired, they are busy; and fine with us partnering with a new organization.
* We have contacted Cecilia with Adelante Chicas – perhaps transition to three 2-week sessions. Meeting with Terry next Monday,
* Workshop Wed. March 4, 5:30-7. Could anyone go? Proposal due Tues. March 17.
* [Gray Family Foundation](http://grayff.org/grants-calendar-2/)
* Rod Spoke with Gray Foundation (Rana DeBey) – good connection; Tom McCall would fit into their “Community Field Trips” type grant (due July, funded avail. October).
* Charlie will plan to meet with Tom McCall PTO – in transition. Need some buy-in from school to gain funding support.
* Help show community value of ODS, create demand.
* [Oregon Community Foundation](http://www.oregoncf.org/Community-Grants) -- grants?
* organizational infrastructure?
* Program/Client development
* CALC – Terry wrote letter of interest, have a meeting upcoming. Connect with Christian Haaning at Clean Water Services [haaningc@cleanwaterservices.org](mailto:haaningc@cleanwaterservices.org), Water Resource Specialist (assure all interests are happy at Fernhill)
* Pacific University – looks like there’s no funding for new classes right now, haven’t heard back from Stephanie. Fallon and Charlene continuing to work on course proposal.
* Site development next steps – will need to develop relationships as we look for an alternate to Tualatin River Farm?
* It was decided, there will be no more frosts. Go forth and plant!