

Marion Polk Food Share  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2019

**Board Members Attending:** Frances Alvarado, Alex Beamer, Warren Bednarz, John Burt, Courtney Knox Busch, Sarah DeSantis, Mike Garrison, Jim Green, Chris Mercier (by phone), Holly Nelson, Linda Norris, Mark Wilk

**Staff Members Attending:** Eileen DiCicco, Ian Dixon-McDonald, Rick Gaupo (by phone), Jim Green, Julie Hambuchen, Corrina Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Robbin Kerner

**Call to Order**

**Courtney Knox Busch** called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Guest Introductions**

Courtney asked everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of guest presenter Emily Balias, and Rick Gaupo and Chris Mercier, who were attending by phone.

**Mission Moment - video**

VP of Programs Ian Dixon-McDonald played a video featuring Food Share Director of Food Resourcing and Warehouse Operations Kendra Alexander. In this short video, Kendra shares her personal story of struggle and redemption. Kendra came to the Food Share through the Drug Court program as a way to rebuild her life and restore her family. With her son as her motivation, Kendra spent six months with us and was offered the volunteer action center coordinator position when she completed the program. She was able to show others that there is life after Drug Court. She said the Food Share helped her rebuild her confidence, restore her family, gain skills and develop a greater sense of purpose. She's been with the Food Share for 9 years and considers herself part of the Food Share story, family and mission.

**Financial Update**

Director of Finance Jim E. Green reported the Food Share financials are strong and healthy. Liquidity is \$2.6M in cash and investments. The net deficit for 3 months ending in September was higher than planned, however, was driven by the timing of revenue coming in.

Warren Bednarz asked about the Food Share's reserves. Jim said we have had 5-6 months in operating reserves, but have no specific policy on the level of reserves to keep.

**Adjournment**

Courtney Knox Busch adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

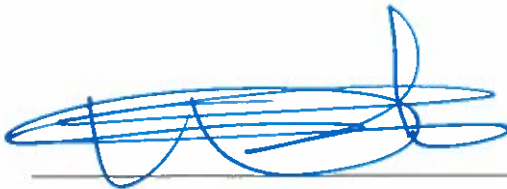
**Dates to Remember**

**Nov. 15      Empty Bowls Reception at the Willamette Art Center (5:30-7:30)**

**Dec. 5        Board Meeting**

**Dec. 12      Board Christmas Social**

**Feb. 1        Board Retreat**



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*Warren Bednarz*  
Board Secretary