

Minutes From The Second Meeting on the Service Exchange/Skill Bank Held
at the Northwest Community Service Center, November 9, 1978

an Attendance Sheet Attached

Service Exchange/Skill Bank Group

Next Meeting: Early in December. To Be Announced.
at The Northwest Community Service Center

Meeting opened with Mary Pederson outlining some possible forms for organizing and administering functioning service exchanges. Options were: autonomous neighborhood by neighborhood exchanges with a central coordinating facility which would, among other duties, help implement resource sharing from neighborhood to neighborhood. Another possible structure: a tighter network of existing and new service/tool exchanges without the central coordinating body.

Wayne Mayo seemed to think that if a service exchange operated under a tax-exempt umbrella organization, it would be avoiding legalistic technicalities with I.R.S. (The I.R.S. imposes strict regulations on what seems to be profit vs. simply an undernourished operating expenses source.) Umbrella organizations can seek "grant" money to "seed" or help support the service exchange, but evidently the service exchange is not permitted itself to be in receipt of such monies.

Jerry Mounce suggested that we get a tax lawyer to research the question thoroughly, and she thought it might be possible for a for-profit organization to be housed under a tax exempt umbrella -- as long as the for-profit organization fed its profits back to the "umbrella".

Mary Pederson said that maybe we have answered this question to a degree sufficient for now, and so, what about the staffing of such exchanges, Where is the energy when there is, for a time, or for longer, no money to insure continuance. She wanted to know if there had been a general meeting of the former Service Exchange's members. Had they been brought together to discuss these problems and offer suggestions.

Debbie Robertson and Wayne Mayo, both formerly of the Service Exchange, said that a meeting had not yet taken place. They shared some of the reactions issued from members of the Exchange which ranged from regret to disbelief upon hearing of the dissolution.

Mary Pederson outlined some of the possibilities for continuing the idea of an exchange network: disbanding; dissolving into the other neighborhood associations and organizations (the Service Exchange had members from all over the Portland area.); or, stay incorporated and continue working on the problems of staffing and the I.R.S. [Still it looked like we could benefit by some kind of support across the lines--service exchange to service exchange. A network that could link numerable resources, share information on ways to better the idea and functioning of energy sharing. Be decentralized, and yet use some sort of central touchpoint to establish continuity and sound practice.]

McConnell

Wayne Mayo talked with Jim ~~Connolly~~, PACT (Portland Action Committees Together) Director., who seemed encouraged to continue the S.E. service exchange in some form. It might be through the tool bank. This would mean PACT's confidential holding of the Service Exchange mailing list (after each member has been contacted for the okay, do doubt.)

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Jeremy ~~Barstead~~, of Pyramid Exchange expressed a need to have us consider carefully the elements of service/tool exchanges that are most difficult to measure, legislate comfortably, or even sometimes anticipate: people's individual and/or characteristic needs, neighborhood-by-neighborhood, community-to-community (in his instance: the Pyramid Exchange has a larger rural population, therefore, some different kinds of needs and manner of exchanging).

Debbie Robertson reported that the Senior Skills Registry, affiliated with the Service Exchange would also be out of CETA monies. Unless there is energy available to somehow continue it, it too will be dissolving.

Mary P. reiterated and clarified the service/tool exchange concept brought up at the start of the meeting. Discussion went toward ideas as to what or who could act as the central touchpoint. Should tasks include being a clearing house area-wide? To what degree efficiently administrative? Would a private, public, non-profit organization, or educational group or institution be motivated to add input and energy to such position.

It was concluded that another meeting should be held to which we would invite persons in the community who might like to lend their expertise in the way of business/organizational management and social service/self-help organizing. We will state our goals, and the situation as we best can determine, and ask for advice, even solid support of some kind. We each contributed names of people and organizations in the Portland area who might be encouraged to have input into the concept of a decentralized but efficiently networked and administered service/tool exchange. Each of us shall contact those people whom we selected. We will ask them then about a good time to meet in the first week, or second, of December.

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Dear

For the past two months, a group of Portlanders have been meeting to discuss the status of barter and service exchanges in the area. The purpose of these organizations is to provide people with an alternative to the cash economy by promoting and facilitating exchanges between individuals.

Recently, the most active of the three exchanges presently working in the tri-county area was denied tax exempt status by the IRS because its members were benefiting from the services provided. Because of this action, service exchanges have come to a crisis point in their existence.

We would like to have a meeting to poll community opinion in the first part of January and would appreciate your participation. Enclosed are notes from the first two meetings to give you some idea what has been discussed to date. A member of our group will be in touch with you shortly to find out if you are interested and what might be a convenient date for you to attend.

Sincerely,

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Dear

Mutual Accountability - it's a term we are hearing more often these days. It carries a wealth of importance where trust and sharing go together in developing the individual, and then the community.

We want to share with you some of the ideas and goals that have arisen out of the meeting we have held to bring together some functioning modes of exchange (service/tool). This concept - rather akin to the barter system - has much to offer our theories of supply and demand.

Reading through the minutes of the two meetings held so far will give you an idea of where we are at insofar as the existence of service and tool exchanges in the greater Portland area. What we want to do is hold a dialogue amongst various factions in the community to determine better the need for such systems; and too, how best to practically administer a supportive network for this rather "natural" and self-reliant means for provision of goods and services.

Each of us, for example, can probably think of at least one or two items around the house that might be loaned out upon agreement through a reliable, soundly administered program of exchange. And most certainly, can't we all think of times that a task might have been more easily handled if only a tool or helping-hand had been in easy reach?

We would like you to consider coming to a meeting sometime in January to bring your ideas and points of view. Should we work to develop networks for exchange within our individual neighborhoods and communities? There are some already operating. It's a centuries-old concept that we can fashion to current needs, and using modern as well as more traditional ("natural") tools for communication. If so, could we benefit by a centralized administrative body, or simply a central touchpoint whereby cross-neighborhood/cross-community exchanges could be communicated or facilitated?

There has been strong support for this kind of "self-reliant" community development in recent years. National legislation reflects the interest practically as exemplified by the National Commission on Neighborhoods task forces who are studying the proven benefits of locally-based support systems. "Seed" money can come from the newly established National Consumer Cooperative Bank. President Carter signed this Bill which will provide financial assistance to self-help non-profit cooperatives. The law represents a temporary partnership between the federal government and the citizens. Simply put, the seed money will be provided for the bank which will eventually be owned by the cooperatives that purchase its stock.

Well, there are a number of ways we can go. Hope you will feel encouraged to join us. Your responses should be informative and helpful.

Sincerely,

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

THE ADMINISTRATOR

SEP 26 1978

Ms. Mary Pedersen
1220 SW 5th Avenue, Room 413
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Ms. Pedersen:

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me and my associates October 5 to discuss citizen participation in highway safety. Our meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 1838 S.W. Jefferson Street in Portland.

I am writing now to offer some background for our discussion. History shows that when citizens have information, feel a deep concern, and see opportunities to have influence on decisions, they can make the difference in overcoming problems which harm our health, safety or well-being. Every day we receive hundreds of letters from consumers who have become aware of their rights and responsibilities when they buy a new car. In fact, our investigations of motor vehicle defects often begin with reports from individual consumers. In just the last few years citizens have come to expect a safe vehicle and now demand it.

I believe we can help to foster a similar citizen concern and determination for highway safety in our neighborhoods and communities. We need your ideas on how we can help the citizen to exert his influence to help create a safer neighborhood.

Since 1966 we have been working with State and local officials to improve programs of law enforcement, driver licensing, education, and many other State and local government activities. But we need to know more about what citizens believe they can do in their own lives and through community organizations to help prevent the unnecessary waste of human life on the streets and highways where they live.

The Federal Government tries to help State and community highway safety programs in several ways. Funds are provided to help identify accident-related problems and implement countermeasures. We publish a variety of technical guides and provide technical assistance to

local planners through training and direct consultation. We need your help in determining how, using a combination of these resources and methods, we can increase citizen participation. We intend to publish the findings and conclusions of meetings such as the one in Portland as an aid for State and local agencies.

From the enclosed list of participants you can see we will have the benefit of many viewpoints in our discussions. Among them are members of traffic safety citizen support organizations, people who have achieved changes in their communities through neighborhood associations, and traffic safety professionals.

Many times when we look at highway safety problems we discover they are parts of other problems in the community. As examples, drunk driving is part of alcohol abuse and alcoholism. The 55 mph speed limit, which is saving some 5,000 lives each year, was undertaken in behalf of energy conservation. Much of our pedestrian crash toll is involved with problems of older citizens and unattended children. And how much of the youth crash problem is related to delinquency, drug abuse and alcohol? In one sense many of the decisions we make behind the wheel are a result of the values and standards communicated to us through the family, schools, and community. Motor vehicle accidents, despite the complexity of their underlying causes, remain a leading killer of Americans under age 40 and are the chief cause of lost years of productivity for our population. This cost does not include the millions of injuries which occur every year, many of them crippling and lifetime disabling. Surely, accident prevention deserves to be a priority concern of citizens in a wide range of voluntary organizations.

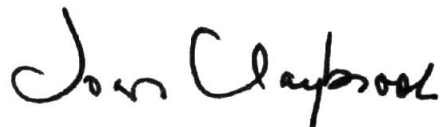
As a structure for our discussions I'd like to suggest a few questions:

1. What are some examples of how citizen participation has helped to solve a traffic safety problem?
2. What are the existing mechanisms through which citizens can participate in decisionmaking on traffic safety matters?
3. Is there a need to heighten public awareness of the vehicle crash problem and if so, how can this be done?
4. Are there specific traffic safety needs which you believe warrant vigorous citizen advocacy?
5. What steps can State and local government take to assure citizen participation in traffic safety programs?

6. How can the Federal Government help to facilitate greater citizen participation in traffic safety programs?

I hope you will suggest other issues when we get together. In the meantime, I appreciate your willingness to give of your time and energy. I look forward to meeting you and learning from our exchange of views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joan Claybrook". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Claybrook

Enclosure

MINUTES
APPLE MEETING & POTLUCK
MARCH 6, 1978

MARY

Curt, Evan, Evelyn, Jane, Rob, Shirley and Sue enjoyed a delicious dinner and viewed Sue's Refinished Home. Thanks to Sue for hosting the potluck.

Topics for discussion included the recent salmon dinner, the Whole Earth Environmental Expo, logo design by Curt's brother, APPLE office space and Robin's work program. Jane served as facilitator and Shirley took minutes.

According to calculations based on dinners served, we should have taken in \$575 from the SALMON BAKE; to date our gross is \$465 with \$18 still due to come in from three tickets Mary sold. Jane will ask Mary to remind these folks to turn in the money. We spent \$462.90 on the dinner, including \$44.50 in cash advanced by Rob (for which he had not yet been reimbursed). Curt will compare ticket numbers with his list and present a final accounting of ticket sales at the next meeting. We discussed ways of making future fund raisers raise money and ways of avoiding ticket/cash problems. We decided that the board should participate more in such activities; that rather than purchase most items for the next benefit we should try to get things donated; that an alternate method of handling ticket sales, such as using tickets to get an advance head count but collecting all cash at the door, might help with the accounting in the future.

The WHOLE EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO will happen March 24, 25 and 26 (Easter weekend) at the Coliseum. We have a booth for skill exchanges and there will be a sign-up sheet for work in the booth at the next meeting. So far only the Washington County group has expressed interest in attending; Rob will check with the Ashland and Eugene people. Prospective new board members will be invited by Rob to the next APPLE meeting. (At this point we interrupted the agenda and Curt moved, Sue seconded that we work the BOARD MEMBERSHIP back up to around 12 and keep it there. Motion passed unanimously after brief discussion.) We can sell anything at the expo, including food if it is wrapped to go. APPLE T-shirts and frozen yogurt sandwiches were suggested for sale. Further discussion for next meeting.

Curt forgot to bring a copy of his brother's LOGO DESIGN FOR APPLE. Not everyone had seen it: Curt will get copies of it to board members before next meeting, where we will decide whether or not to buy it (\$50). Curt will also see if his brother would be willing to revise the design as those board members who had seen it agreed that lettering was good but drawing was not APPLE. Evelyn is willing to rework her APPLE logo design.

After talking over pros and cons of taking space offered APPLE at the new NW CETA facility in the old ROMAN BATHS on 21st Avenue we decided to make the move. Sue said she and Rob would talk to Tony on March 7. We will not be committed to staying there if another move becomes desirable.

Rob told us that he is working on the Environmental Expo booth, the movie benefit and a poster that would list our coming events. He would like to establish a monthly Sunday potluck/brunch for APPLE members and prospective members. The first is scheduled for April 2; Friendly House was suggested as the place to hold it. Evan asked Rob to "sell" us on APPLE. Evan and Rob will get together on this and Rob will present a WORK PROGRAM report at the next meeting. Rob stated that his overviews involve publicizing APPLE through the media (newspaper, radio, TV), through local meetings and contacts (block parties, brunches) and through plugging into other neighborhood meetings. Rob is developing a couple of short talks about APPLE which he would like us to critique at the next meeting. He has also had contact with graduate students from PSU who would like to use APPLE as a placement service and he will pursue this.

LSSG will hold a COMPUTER TRAINING SESSION on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. for Curt, Jane, Mary, Rob and Sue.

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We will check with Scott as to whether the winners of our COLORING CONTEST were ever given their tickets to the zoo. Plan another contest?

Rob would like a VACATION at some point. Discussion tabled until he could be present.

Rob left at 9 p.m. and the meeting broke up shortly after. The NEXT MEETING will be held Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. It is tentatively scheduled for the neighborhood office.

On the AGENDA FOR MARCH 20:

1. Final accounting of salmon bake tickets
2. APPLE logo
3. Plans for Whole Earth Expo
4. Rob's work program
5. Follow through on schedule for office and phone hours
6. Rob's vacation
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Minutes from the APPLE meeting April 10, 1978.

With Evan, evelyn, Shirley, Carol, Mary, Jane, Sue, Rob.

Rob announced that he would like to leave APPLE employment, and asked what he needs to do to wrap up in the next two or three weeks. The theatre benefit was cancelled because the Bogart flicks are leased only on concession for a week at a time. Charlie Chaplin films had been suggested as a substitute, but the cancellation was accepted.

Rob's goal is a smooth transition, and he expressed his willingness to help find an office and a new staffperson. Sue felt that we should find an office first, and Shirley agreed that this is a good first priority. APPLE is getting more matches, and needs good detail work; it is ready for a different kind of energy than his, according to Rob. Technically, Rob's term is up on June 17, so Sue volunteered to call our CETA contact, Virginia Harris to see if they will approve a re-hire.

Evan was facilitating, and he suggested the following agenda items;

the resignation	pending benefits for APPLE
new coordinator	transition
applications for APPLE	and data entry to the computer
office space	logo & stationery
LSSG payment	re-funding the APPLE position

Consensus: Give a higher priority to finding office space and hiring a new staffperson than to planning benefits. Matches shall continue, along with the processing of applications.

Rob has written a newsletter, in which we could also announce the vacancy. Sue is about to send the MLC newsletter, and perhaps they could go together to the parents of kids at Chapman and Ainsworth.

Consensus: Include the APPLE newsletter in the Community School-MLC newsletter to zip codes 97209 and 97210.

Rob's Recommendation: Hire someone with office skills as the next coordinator of APPLE, including typing (to enter data), telephoning, and resource files experience. Possibly arrange for job-sharing with CETA so half the time could be set for a person with office skills, and half for someone with publicity skills.

We agreed to add success stories and needs to the newsletter.

News from Life Support Systems Group

A disc cartridge system has been added to multiply the storage space in the machine and allow for time sharing - another terminal will give more access. A top priority is getting the descriptive materials from the applications into the computer. To do this, the applications must be carried to LSSG.

MOTION: 1 - Starting now, the original application forms shall be stored at LSSG.
2 - The turnaround time for entering the cards shall be within three working days (from time of application until cards are merged into the master card file) which means twice a

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week entry of data.

3- Copies shall be made of the current applications backlog.

LSSG office hours now are set from noon to 5 p.m.

With 9 hours of work (by Sue and Rob) 42 applications have been entered into the machine. We need another 9 hours to put the other 45 applications in. Sue pledged 4 hours, and Carole pledged 4.

Financial Report

Assets

Checking account	\$652
Savings	259
CETA receivable	53.65
T-shirt sales	12
J. Hage, ticket	6
	<u>\$982.65</u>

Accts. Payable

LSSG final payment \$450.

CETA fund, approx 450.

We agreed that Sue will write a letter to NWDA, outlining recent events. Shirley will write a check to LSSG for \$441 (~~100~~ 10% discount if it reaches Evan & Evelyn before they go on vacation). Evelyn will deliver the new logo before she goes away.

Meeting adjourned 8:10.

Respectfully,

Mary