

Lake County Community Food Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2017

3:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Church in Baldwin, MI

Present: Fr. Ron Schneider, Sue Brown-Havens (Vice Chair), Nancy Przedwojewski (Chair), Lynne Mills (Board Member At-Large), Paul Betts (Temp Board Member At-Large), Sally Mellema, Kendra Gibson, Kendra Wills, Tanya Scales, Joe Dukes, Leo Heska (Secretary), Wayne Eversole, Nick Homant

1. Welcome and Introductions – Nancy P., Chairperson
2. Report from the Executive Committee
 - a. We are moving forward with the independent 501c3 process
 - b. We need to elect a Treasurer of the Food Council for our 501c3 paperwork
 - i. Wayne Eversole from Chase volunteered to serve as Treasurer. He has served as treasurer for his church in the past.
 1. Paul moved and Lynne seconded appointment of Wayne Eversole as Treasurer. Motion carried.
 2. Paul moved and Lynne seconded that Wayne and Nancy both have their names on the bank account. Motion carried.
 3. Kendra Wills will contribute \$50 via check to the Lake County Community Food Council (Mailed to Nancy) to open the bank account.
 4. Kendra Wills was asked to email Wayne the history of the organization and our charter.
3. Hosting a MI Local Food Policy Network meeting in June or July
 - a. The group will host this meeting on Monday, June 12 at St. Ann's Church. More information to follow. We expect 15-20 people total to attend. We believe the meeting will take place from about 10 AM – 2 PM.
4. Idlewild Community Garden update – Tanya and Joe
 - a. The garden is planned and drawings have been done. It will be a little smaller than what was planned. 100 foot by 50 feet is the area of the garden. Raised beds and open area. Tomatoes would be in the open area. Paul had a recommendation on a source of garden compost. Joe's wife has been ordering seeds.
 - b. Sue asked the group if they would like donated plants from Twin Lakes in the middle of May. (The plants that didn't sell.)
 - c. Joe noted that people will be sprouting seeds inside. But they would take extra plants if they are available. Tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, Brussels sprouts are desired.

5. DHD #10 and Voices for Food grants due by the end of March
 - a. DHD #10 Proposal
 - i. The group reviewed the draft proposal from Sally Mellema.
 - ii. The group made some edits and Sally will submit the proposal this Friday and should hear back in a few weeks.
 - iii. \$500 of the \$1500 will go to canning kits, and the rest can be used for workshop supplies and jars
 - iv. The \$800 check for the IRS filing fees for the Food Council's 501c3 will be made out to the Food Council and deposited in the bank account once it has been opened.
 - v. Jars from the community will be sought. They will be stored in the vault of the Business Center building, which has been cleaned out thanks to Leo.
6. Canning Workshop Series and Lending Kit Update
 - a. Sally and Kendra Gibson are working with Jane to schedule classes throughout Lake County (Irons, Idlewild, Baldwin). Lynne is checking on the kitchen with Hollester for a class.
 - b. An announcement for jar donations will be published. Jars will be accepted on Wednesdays at the Bread of Life Pantry. They must be real canning jars in good condition.
 - c. The group discussed the amount of waste from the community food distributions and how this group can connect people so more of this food goes to use – people know how to can and freeze, pantries and others.
7. Build a Box garden project
 - i. Set a meeting for Build a Box Garden Planning.
 1. Goal: 300 boxes like last year
 2. Plants: Peppers, tomatoes, beans and radishes
 3. Leo will contact Freddie about the possibility of donating plants.
 4. Take home some milk jugs to cut and bring back.
 5. We will need 1200 milk jugs to make 300 boxes or 4 of the same size of plastic coffee containers
 - ii. Sue will ask the Garden Club if they are willing to help again.
 - iii. Sue is willing to coordinate the event again as long as she doesn't get left to do it alone.
 - iv. Cut pieces and then assemble. One pallet of fence boards from Home Depot. Can these be delivered? Joe is willing to host it at Dukes Auto Shop off 10. Joe has saws. The week of March 5 is the target. \$435 pallet of fence boards from Home Depot and nail for a total of \$480 plus delivery.
 - v. Fr. Ron is willing to have his saw moved if needed.
 - vi. Rogation Sunday is April 23. (The week after Easter.) Most were seeds.

- vii. Weber Township event. The Sherriff's Dept is the main contact for this event. Nancy will contact them. 8 AM – Noon was the event.
- viii. Please take home some milk jugs to cut if you can.
- ix. Paul reported that he was asked to be a presenter at a national horticultural therapy conference in Vermont on the garden-in-a-box project this coming September.
- x. Kendra Wills will work with Kendra Gibson on getting access to the VFF funds.

8. Hunters Safety Education Update – Leo Heska

- a. Leo is seeking funds from the Lake County Community Foundation for the purchase of live weapons. He will be trying to form a new non-profit to secure these funds. This will not be a request from the Food Council.

9. Update from CHIL project. Does the group want to become a Subcommittee of the Food Council? The Executive Committee was supportive of this idea.

- a. Funding for CHIL ends in May. Feel it would be beneficial for the group to become a subcommittee of the Food Council. Projects have included: breastfeed promotion in the workplace, healthy food labeling in grocery stores (Housemans, Save-a-Lot) and healthy menu labeling in several restaurants (Barski's, Iron's Café).

10. Multicultural Awareness Workshop being planned for April by MSUE. Will be open to community partners.

11. Other

- a. FYI from Kendra Gibson: Meijer is taking applications for corporate donations via a gift card through the store in Ludington.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Kendra Wills.