

Lake County Food Council

Minutes from Monday September 11 meeting

1. Welcome and Introduction –Freddie Rosado
2. Minutes submitted by Nancy Przedwojewski
3. Update on Voices for Food Project

Kendra Gibson explained how the grant money for the Patio Box Project had been spent and what amount would be left over. These funds could be allocated to another project. Freddie suggested that we return to this, once other projects had been talked about.

3. Update on DHD #10, \$5,000 Grant

a. St. Ann's Bread of Life Pantry addition is proceeding. Inside work yet to be done. Sally mentioned that the funds need to be spent by September 13. Plans for an Open House Celebration is being planned for the spring of 2017. Sally will handle all media and press releases for the event.

b. Leo said that twelve canners have been purchased and he is looking at Ace Hardware for small kits of canning supplies (tongs, funnel, magnet lid lifter etc.)

He suggested a lending program where people could check out the canning items. Leo suggested we set up a small sub-committee to work on storage of the equipment. In the discussion that followed, Fr. Ron suggested we check with the old Idelwild school that has classrooms which could be used for storage of these items and other supplies such as jars from Gordie and anything else that might be generated from different projects that we are involved in. The money that was allocated for this project needs a \$100. more to finish this year's project.

Jane Hart is teaching the Canning Classes and Leo said her knowledge is great.

Gordie suggested that we combine the 2017 classes with a Gleaning program from local farms. He also suggested we contact the Ball or Kerr Company for recipe books we could give to participants in the classes.

Freddie said we should have a certified kitchen to work in and his will be certified soon because they will be selling honey. He is taking the classes at the present time and will be both Michigan and USDA certified.

Gordie suggested we have a sprouting class for our food pantry families. This would provide a source of fresh sprouts high in nutrition during the winter months when fresh things aren't always available

c. Idelwild Community Gardens project: Joe Dukes said the \$410 would not be sufficient to purchase 300 ft of fencing and 38 poles. Kendra suggested we may have to apply for more funds for this project. Gordie has access to taller cedar poles for the corner posts so a deer fence can be added to the top of the regular wire. Money not used for the Bread of Life project could go to the garden project.

5. Meeting schedule for remainder of the year.

It was decided to continue meeting for the rest of the year and if all projects are completed before the December meeting that we use the meeting as a celebration of things accomplished.

6. New business cards were passed out to be used as advertising for the group. Aprons are on order

7. a. Meryl Smith reviewed what is happening with the Health Dept grant. Houseman's Grocery has invited the team back to continue advertising the labeling program and to do Food Demo's at the store on September 19 from 3-5 pm. People are noticing the labels and hopefully making better choices in food options. Bread of Life Pantry will also be adding the healthy option labels as soon as their building is complete. She also shared another project they are working on so businesses can become breastfeeding friendly not only for customers but also for workers in the facility.

Barski's Restaurant is the next on the list to design a healthier menu and Dublin General Store is also on the list for healthy labeling on shelves.

- b. The Real Hunger Games Project. Leo suggested the name might need to be changed. He felt that Sportsmen's Club would provide ammunition for the gun safety classes and the grant money could be used for safety vests etc, He will also be going downstate to learn all the paperwork that needs to be provided for the gun safety teen class. Money for the training and the class for the teens will be about \$600. Kendra Gibson will review the proposal from Leo.

- c. We were reminded to register for the Michigan Good Food Summit in Lansing on October 28. Go on line for scholarship funds.

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next meeting November 14, 2016 3:30-5:00 p.m.