

Lake County Community Food Council Minutes  
Location: St Ann's Community Room, Baldwin

Date: 12-12-2016  
Recorder: Kendra Gibson

Time: 3:30-5:00

Attendees: Sally Mellema, Carl Merchant, Kathy Merchant, Sue Brown-Havens, Paul Betts, Tom Ellis, Chris Johnson, Fr. Ron Schneider, Nancy Przedwojewski, Ruth Lorenger, Jr., Shanna Avery, Kendra Gibson

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Person(s) Responsible</i>
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <b>2. Celebration of Accomplishments</b>		Thank you to everyone for all their hard work in 2016! Kendra G. reviewed 2015-2016 accomplishments and showed a PowerPoint of the council's journey since it's beginning.	All Kendra Gibson
<b>3. Old Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Review of November Minutes</b></li></ul> <b>4. Project Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>2016 Budget Report Update</b></li><li><b>Canning Workshops and Lending Kit Project Update</b></li><li><b>Selection of Attorney to</b></li></ul>		Approved and accepted as written.  All Voices for Food funds have been spent except for the \$1000 for the youth hunting program. Those funds will be rolled over into 2017. <b>New funding requests for VFF must be received no later than May31 and must be spent by July 31 since the grant will be ending.</b>  The canning kit contents were discussed. No additions were suggested. It was agreed to form a workgroup to network with all three libraries, food pantries and other community partners who want to be able to check out the kits and offer canning/preserving workshops in 2017. Also, the group agreed to explore existing county events to partner with to expand this effort. Shanna Avery agreed to talk with Chase library and Kendra G. will follow up with Pathfinder and Luther.	All  Nancy Kendra G  Leo Heska Sally Mellema Shanna Avery Kendra Gibson

<p><b>assist with 501c3 process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DHD#10 CDC Grant Project</b></li> <li><b>Food Pantry Expansion</b></li> <li><b>Idlewild Community Garden</b></li> <li><b>Youth Hunting/Skill building Program</b></li> </ul>		<p>The group reviewed the list Kendra W. provided. It was suggested that the council explore more local options through the Fremont Foundation or through contacts that John Drake might have. The group felt it might be beneficial to have search committee formed to obtain an attorney. It is still unknown whether VFF funds can be used toward this purpose.</p> <p>The group requested copies of Larry Lewis' comments and Paul Betts' 501c3 draft be attached to the January agenda and minutes to allow time to review.</p> <p>Sally gave an update on the CHIL Coalition. She is working with the Shelley at the senior center on expanding their community salad bar program and Nancy Przedwojewski at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church pantry to expand their coolers and refrigeration capability. Both groups will be receiving \$2500.</p> <p><b>Please find the attached CHIL newsletter to update on their projects.</b></p> <p>Pantry expansion is going well. Kathy and Carl Merchant will be gone for three months and they are not sure when the project will be done. It depends on how much is accomplished prior to them returning. The community reception will be sometime in the spring.</p> <p>No update. Sally stated that Joe will be receiving funds from the health department grant in 2017 since it wasn't received this year. The CHIL coalition also wrote a Home Depot grant for the Idlewild project and should know in a few months if that was approved.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p>Paul Betts-Fremont Foundation (?)</p> <p>Follow up with John Drake (?)</p> <p>Sally Mellema</p> <p>Kathy Merchant</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>		<p>No update.</p> <p>There is interest in doing the 'Garden In A Box' project again in 2017. The group agreed to move that forward in January.</p> <p><b>Please review and update our mailing list! Send changes/ additions to Kendra W.</b></p> <p>There is interest in developing a Facebook page (maybe replacing the e-newsletter?) Agreed to discuss further at the January meeting.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next meeting: Monday, January 9, 2017</b></li> <li>• <b>Other items</b></li> </ul>		<p>St. Ann's Church, 3:30-5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MSU Extension will be hosting Eat Healthy, Be Active! at Pathfinder Library on Wednesdays January 4, 11,25, February 8, 15, 22.</p> <p><b>Please review and update our mailing list! Send changes/ additions to Kendra W.</b></p> <p><b>Please review the 501c3 draft from Paul Betts and comments from Larry Lewis prior to January</b></p>	<p>Kendra Gibson</p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

		<p>meeting.</p> <p>Please give thoughtful consideration prior to the January meeting to the election of officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chairperson</li><li>• Vice Chairperson</li><li>• Secretary (shared with Kendra Wills - taking minutes every other month, learning how to update the website and send out e-newsletters.</li></ul> <p>HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY BREAK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!! WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO!</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>