Meeting Minutes  
December 6th 9:30-11:30AM

Thurston Regional Planning Council - 2424 Heritage Ct SW Suite A, Olympia, WA 98502

Attendees: Sarah Robertson, Chris Koehler, Lesley Price, Shayna Wiseman, Rachel Friedman, Katie Rains, Mayra- Pena, Stephanie Abraham, Tracy Smaciarz, Celeste Wade, Whitney Trotta, Alyssa Auvinen, Marilyn Sitaker, Aslan Meade, Shelley Ferer, Jenni Crain,

Leadership:
• Katie offers to stay on as chair for 2018; Cathy approved as Secretary & Katie approved as Chair for 2018
• Looking to move to chair and vice chair
• Who would like to be vice chair?
• Treasurer also needed
• Tackle in new year, network for grants

Communications:
• Need to continue – Karissa from EDC is willing/able to continue making website updates
• Jan- check in with Whitney
• Contact list- Leslie manages and can put up minutes

Legislative:
• What is date for Food and Farming Network, now known as Food Action, Lobby Day?

Fundraising:
• Apologies checks didn’t get sent out within two weeks of Food Summit.
• To date everyone has been paid
• Awaiting cash from sponsors
• Check in at Thurston Thrives
• $475 with almost $4000 outstanding
• Proposal from Katie to print up final 3 rack cards and swag: T-Shirts, Tote Bags, carry funds over as seed money for future event
• Proposal from Alyssa to pay Joanne an hour a month instead of going through Thurston Thrives
• Nice to have chamber involved in some way
  Cons: compass 360 didn’t work well
  Pro: value having that relationship
• Katie says pursue shirts and bags but don’t order until we have cash in hand
• Feedback on neutrality of fiscal sponsorship to Katie via Email
Marketing:
- Rack cards- People are using them!
- Marilyn, Jenni, Katie volunteer to work on this project(?)

Metrics:
- Need sign in sheet
- Marilyn- happy to volunteer her experience with metrics and data sets and would be a great project for Evergreen Students

Thurston Talk:
- Ideas for using article
- Food waste issue
- Soil science
- Katie will keep alive and Jenni will help shape the article

Food Summit Debrief:
- Compass 360 not a good fit. Need more user friendly platform
- How to manage staffing?
- Food safety liaison
- Cathy did a lot legwork
- Childcare coordinator
- Waste management
- Summit marketing
- Evaluation lead needs to be decided much earlier on
- Not able to get into rooms
- People got lost in parking lot
- Need people standing out in lot to help direct
- Student documentation available, Marilyn will help Katie with editing
- Tracy says communicating with the chef was sparse and would like to have more support from the college

Health Department Meeting:
- Food safety educational check list needed
- Need Temporary Food Permit for Event
- Need to promote shift in policy
- Getting permit late fees back?
- Public Health needs greater reach into community
- Aslan interested in heading that

Evaluations:
- Preliminary reports passed around
- Very few complaints
- Lots of positive connections
- “How are we going to stay connected?”
- Delegates- more in 2018
- Colleges- student group lunch presentations, Celeste will follow up
- Hope expressed that it makes it into next year’s priorities

Future
- Rachel spoke on community garden, conservation district strategies, municipal led and partnered program, human governance piece

Email: southsoundfood@gmail.com      Web: ssfoodsystemnetwork.org
Purpose for 2018: see where we are going with individual projects, see where combine efforts, support one another
Katie- Winter break Feb and March
Group prioritization
Wit Format
Most effective strategy for Food Systems Change?
Jan- Bring what is your capacity and personal passion to the table
College engagement piece
Local food policy
Garden interest
Collective learning and strategy
Mini summit?
Farm to fork at fairs
Tasting salons
USDA community food grant for planning
K-12 FFA
Want to keep momentum going from Tenino
Event support group: Org Support, Savor South Sound
Party 12/19 4:30-6:30 location TBD, city council meeting after that at 7pm

Minutes taken by Shayna Wiseman

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 3rd 9:30-11:30AM at TRPC (Corrected 12/18/17 KR)