



SSFSN Minutes
December 5, 2018; 9:30-11:30AM
Thurston County Public Health and Social Services
412 Lilly Road, NE, Olympia, WA, 98506, Conference Room 107B

Officers Present: Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair & TESC; Celeste Wade, Co-Chair; Rachel Friedman, Treasurer & Sustainable South Sound; and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound, TABC Food Hub Rep. & Secretary.

Other Members Present: Sammy Berg, TCPHSS; Mayra Pena and Misty Brown, TABC VISTA; Lesley Price, TC PHSS & Website Coordinator; Chris Koehler, GH WSU Ext.; Nora White, TCCD; Alyssa Auenin, WA DOH & Tumwater FM; Jenni Crain, Slow Food; Christine Ciancetta, Slow Food; Melissa Davis, SNAP Ed; and Loretta Sepponen, SSCFLT.

1) Self Introductions & Announcements – Introductions and announcements were made. Members are encouraged to email event information to Lesley Price to be shared via the SSFSN email system and SSFSN website.

2) Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- ✓ Action Required – November minutes were approved.
- ✓ Financial Report – Rachel reported the balance is \$1797.14 dollars.
- ✓ Communication & Outreach (5 minutes) – Marilyn discussed the UU Church “Meaningful Movies” series. They wish to address food waste, farm sustainability/soil, and everyone deserves to eat well. She’ll be reaching out to us to help with panel discussions. Christine Ciancetta as well as Heather Rudich of GruB are interested in working with Marilyn on this effort.
- ✓ Community Garden WIT (5 minutes) – Rachel reported that the garden WIT met in November and will meet again December 11th from 12:30 pm until 2 pm at the Conservation District to work on how to support existing gardens/programs and add new elements to existing gardens. Celeste will not be able to attend the December meeting, but suggested that the group focus on the West Central Park garden, the downtown library Slow Food garden; and she hopes we can get one good school garden in each district. Loretta requested that we consider including the Griffin School District. We also discussed having a summer tour of community and school gardens. Michaela and Nora held a community garden tour this past summer.

3) Steps for Strategic Planning:

- ✓ **Discuss 2019 priorities** with SSFSN meeting attendees – Marilyn reviewed our SSFSN Charter mission and vision to help spark the conversation. Methods include collaborating with SFSSN partners, educating SS residents; and cultivating a shared vision.

- Mayra reported that it is a priority of the Thurston Asset Building Coalition (TABC) to provide equity and parity training for TABC Steering Committee members, then to bring this training back to the hubs, including the SSFSN. Marilyn suggested that we document that we as a group are interested in participating in equity work and it is in our Charter.
- Loretta would like us to continue to share our local foods educational rack cards and possibly make them into posters to display in public places.
- Jenni suggested that we touch base with Window Seat Media again to help SSFSN members brainstorm and discuss Food Summit participant survey results to see how we can continue to educate the community.
- Celeste asked how we can continue to strengthen our partnerships and collaborations. Marilyn said our upcoming survey will address this and serve as a baseline. A discussion ensued about collaborations and connections and how to continue to promote them.
- The issue of advocacy and how we can support funding federal and state nutrition incentive, garden, and school food projects was discussed.
- Loretta brought up doing another Food Summit. She suggested that we piggyback on the Cascadia Slow Food Conference to be held in October 2019 in Vancouver, WA and offer some courses.
- Marilyn reminded the group that there has already been discussion and support from members including Joel Hansen for us to do a food event in late 2019 or early 2020. Celeste suggested an apple/cider fest or having smaller micro-salon type food events.
- We'll seek additional input via email survey, consider these ideas, and move forward. Celeste requested that we make sure that we fill out the survey and encourage others to do so as well.
- Loretta discussed the SSCFLT effort to document infographics of our food system, which may include a map. Alyssa suggested that we take a look at the Maryland food system map as a potential model for future mapping.
https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/food_system_mapping/index.html Members interested in this WIT include Celeste, Chris, plus potentially Stephen and Aslan, although they were not present at the meeting. Marilyn would like to help find graphic design students who have a teacher who can oversee their work.

6) NEW: Metrics WIT team proposal – Thurston Thrives is still interested in a single metric to measure SSFSN success. This is probably not possible, but we do need to document and eventually submit to TT an updated strategy map/logic model that represents our work. Lesley and Marilyn will work on this with support from TC epidemiologist Maryanne O'Garro.

7) Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

- December 19, 6:30 pm TC Planning Commission review of natural resources comprehensive plan. Loretta will send the document and encouraged us to support no net loss of farm land, the farming economy, and environment.

- January 9, 2019 SSFSN at TC Public Health & Social Services at 412 Lilly Rd, Rm 107B. 2019 Priorities will be discussed. Other Suggestions for the Agenda – submit to Marilyn and Celeste will be out of town.