



**SSFSN Minutes**  
**February 6, 2019; 9:30-11:30AM**  
**Thurston County Public Health and Social Services – 412 Lilly Rd. NE,**  
**Conference Room 107B; Olympia, WA, 98506**

**Officers Present:** Celeste Wade, Co-Chair; Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair, TABC Food Hub Rep., & TESC; Rachel Friedman, Treasurer & Sustainable S. Sound; Joel Hansen, SSFSN Event Point Person & Tumwater Planning Commission, and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound, & Secretary.

**Other Members Present:** Stephen Bramwell, WSU Extension, Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity; Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Misty Brown, TABC VISTA; Lesley Price, TC PHSS & Website Coordinator; Chris Koehler, GH WSU Ext.; Jenni Crain, Slow Food; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TC Climate Action Team; Krosbie Carter, Thurston Thrives, and Loretta Seppanen, 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 group email and website.

**2) Leadership Working Issue Team (WIT) Report**

- ✓ Action Required – January minutes approved.
- ✓ Financial Report - Rachel reported the balance is (still) \$1797.14 dollars.
- ✓ CFLT Farm Map request – Celeste said we got a request to put an ad in the FM. It's \$150 and is business card size, or we can submit copies of our educational rack cards and they can pull info and credit us from those, which is what the group supported.
- ✓ Joel Hansen was approved as a member of the leadership team as point person for events.
- ✓ Thurston Thrives Update – Celeste announced that TT is crafting a brochure that will include info on the SSFSN.
- ✓ Thurston Asset Building Coalition Update – Marilyn is the new “food hub” representative on the TABC, replacing Cathy in this role. She discussed the goal of the equity goals of the TABC Steering Committee. Training that may be available to SSFSN members. She will share more information as decisions around this training are made.

**4) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports**

- ✓ Legislative (5 minutes) Karen Parkhurst to submit an update. A discussion ensued of current bills that propose changes to home food production, food truck fire department reporting policies, and food waste prevention.
- ✓ Ag Park/Food Processing WIT, Stephen discussed the Value-added Food Processing WIT that was held last year, including the Rapid Market Assessment at the Olympia

Farmer Market. He said 546 people participated in the RMA. Interviews with CSA customers and institutional food buyers are also being completed. He's planning a March workshop to share info gathered so far on value-added processing. He said that the Port of Olympia funded a feasibility analysis of a facility to be built in Thurston County. The Ag Business Park in Tenino is an option. Cathy updated the group about the role Senior Services for South Sound has in this project – drafting a feasibility study of the pros and cons of being an anchor tenant at a future commercial processing kitchen, including revenue-generating potential.

- ✓ Communication & Outreach – Celeste reported that she's working on FB posting information, please submit information you'd like to share with her. Also, she encourages everyone to take and share educational rack cards. Maija is out of town, but Mayra reported that she's still willing to be the communications lead. Jenni made some updates to our website as well and is willing to continue to make small updates.
- ✓ Community Garden WIT – Rachel reported that the group met to discuss how to move the garden focus areas forward. The WIT would like to help develop and support the Lydia Hawk and Garfield School gardens and the accessible garden beds at West Central Park. The WIT would like to hold garden tours at each of the gardens. Rachel feels that it's important to keep our elected officials on board with community gardening through resolutions, increased awareness, and funding when possible. The next meeting will be specific to garden tours. Another possibility is to coordinate a gardening educational summit in concert with another food salon.
- ✓ Ag Understanding WIT – Loretta shared a list that she drafted with Stephen's support of small and mid-scale agriculture in the SS Region. The focus is on applied research, rebuilding community infrastructure, economic development planning, and public policy. Marilyn suggested working with TESC Eco-Ag students on this to have it graphically represented on the internet in printable format.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oDb3WViMzXOOtn9lWUUnrCDD8LEg4UU9g/view?usp=sharing>

## 5) Other items

- ✓ April 2019- Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) Convention – topics include sustainable farming and permaculture in relation to climate. Lynn updated the group on the work of the TCAT and the upcoming convention. It will be held in April 13, 2019 with a possibility of a SSFSN workshop in the food and ag tract of the conference. Possibilities include food waste, sustainable farming, and/or permaculture to address to climate change. Details to be worked out today at the meeting after the meeting.
- ✓ UU Meaningful Movie/discussion night – Marilyn reported that GRuB is sponsoring the panel discussion after the movie “Sustainable” on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the UU Church in West Olympia. March and April will be on food security and food waste. She's open to suggestions.
- ✓ October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 - \$150 educational/outreach booth at Slow Food Cascadia, Vancouver. Celeste shared that there will be an opportunity for us to host a booth if we'd like to sign up, organize tabling, and pay for the space. Joel suggested that Slow Food

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might be willing to host the food salon, while the SSFSN could sponsor the educational piece of a food summit. He needs to bring this to Olympia Slow Food.

- ✓ **SSFSN Participation** - Celeste asked for input on how to get more people to the table. Marilyn suggested Stephen's listserv, FB pages, and other possibilities. Loretta will make an announcement at the League of Women's Voters. The Communications WIT is also work on increasing participation.

6) **SURVEY** - results to be reviewed in March. Please take the survey if you haven't.

## 7) **Adjourn**

### **Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:**

- Wednesday March 6, 2019 at TCHD
  - Revised 2019 Priorities will be discussed, based on survey input
  - Possible guest speaker – Jeff Crane from Saint Martin's University