



SSFSN Minutes
March 6, 2019; 9:30-11:00AM
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 & Jenny Post, WSU Extension; Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity; Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Misty Brown, TABC VISTA; Lesley Price, TC PHSS; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS & SSFSN Website Coordinator; Chris Koehler, GH WSU Ext.; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TC Climate Action Team; Amanda Stevens, Twinstar Credit Union; Diane Grace Crutcher; Melissa Davis, WSU Ext. SNAPed; and Patrick Rafe, SSCFLT.

1) Self Introductions & Announcements – Introductions and announcements were made. Members are encouraged to email event information Maija Glassier-Lawson to be posted on the SSFSN FB page. Lesley Price maintains the SSFSN group email and sends out minutes. to be shared via the SSFSN group email. Also, events should be sent to Maija, SSFSN social media coordinator at maijag@fscss.org

2) Leadership Working Issue Team (WIT) Report

- ✓ Action Required – February minutes approved.
- ✓ Financial Report - Rachel reported the balance remain \$1797.14 dollars.
- ✓ Financial request - \$50 toward the \$100 fee for the next Meaningful Movies at the UU Church. Funding was approved.

4) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- ✓ Legislative Update - Stephen to share the link with the group for SB 5947 - Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant through WSDA. Marilyn discussed HB 1114, which has a goal to decrease food waste by 50% by 2030. Both bills are worth supporting. Lisa stated that SSFSN could be a powerful voice locally and at the legislative level in supporting food-related bills. She'd like us to lay draft a policy and procedure for doing this. Lisa will meet with Karen Parkhurst to draft some guidelines. Rachel, Diane, Joel, and Mayra are all willing to work on this with Lisa.
- ✓ Communication & Outreach – Maija and Celeste met to review the SSFSN social media and the website. Maija requested information about events so she can post them on our website and FB page.

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- ✓ Community Garden WIT – Melissa is working with Garfield Elementary school garden. They'll hold a work party March 30th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They received a donation from the PTA for new sheds. There are also some dormant garden beds on site that could be used by local families. West Central Park is recruiting gardeners, including those with accessibility limitations. City of Olympia is working on building a community garden behind the TRPC building. There will be a garden discussion Monday, March 11th at Olympia City Hall, so come if you can. The garden WIT is planning to help coordinate an Olympia garden tour on July 9, 2019. Goals will include inspiring folks to see what is possible and to support existing gardens. This tour will be targeted to teachers and garden managers. The goal is to give four garden tours this summer, but only two have been identified so far – Olympia (including WCP and Garfield) and then Lacey, which will be targeted toward elected officials. The next garden WIT meeting is April 9th, 3-4:30 pm.
- ✓ Ag Park/Food Processing WIT – Stephen reported that the group met this morning and he proposed that we meet again at 8:30 a.m. before the next SSFSN meeting. The food processing WIT is charged with filling gaps in the food system infrastructure. The WIT is considering a variety of kitchen types and locations. The goal is to be collaborative. He reported on the field trip to the Meals on Wheels People in PDX and the Food Processing Pilot Facility at Oregon State University. Joel reported on his site visit to Mercato, a non-profit commissary kitchen for food trucks and value-added processing and to Kitchen Crew, a private rental kitchen for food processors. WSU will hold a food processing workshop at the TC Fairgrounds May 15th, 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. to share Rapid Market Survey information and help potential food processors become licensed under WSDA to produce and sell their product.

5) Other items?

- April 10th – Request for keynote speaker for the Thurston Green Business forum. Celeste to touch base with Lisa Smith or Martha Rosemeyer at Evergreen.
- March 19th, 7 pm at Browsers – The book Grain by Grain will be reviewed at Browser's Books and Slow Food will provide snacks.
- March 21st - Marilyn reported that the second film in the Meaningful Movies series will be shown at UU Church. Food insecurity and Everyone Deserves to Eat Well will be the topic. Melissa and Michaela will be on the panel. The April topic will be food waste prevention.
- April 13, 2019 at Olympia High School - Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) Convention - SSFSN Workshop on food waste and food rescue. Lynn explained that the convention will focus on tracts aligned with the "Draw Down" document. One of the goals is to provide action steps for people to take as they leave the conference.
- ✓ October 5th & 6th 2019 - \$150 educational/outreach booth at Slow Food Cascadia (Vancouver)

6) **SURVEY results to date** – Marilyn will report back next month. SSFSN leadership team calling members who have attended in the past to touch base on meeting logistics and relevance.

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

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- Wednesday April 3, 2019 at TCPHSS
- 8) **Upcoming guest speakers –**
 - Aslan Meade of EDC in April
 - Pat Rasmussen in May
 - Jeff Crain of St Martins in June