



**SSFSN Minutes**  
**May 1, 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.

**Members Present:** Stephen Bramwell, WSU Extension; Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity; Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Lesley Price, TC PHSS; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TCAC; Taylor Krivenki; Jeff Merryman, PNW KNF; Patrick Rofe, and Pat Rasmussen, Edible Food Gardens.

**1) Self Introductions, Updates & Announcements**

- Remember to send announcements for June and July activities to Lesley Price and Maija Glasier-Lawson so they can spread the word via SSFSN email and FB!

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

- Action Required – April meeting minutes were approved.
- Financial Report, Rachel – Current SSFSN bank account balance is \$1797.14.
- Thurston Thrives (TT) - Celeste shared information about the Kaiser and TT session held in April. Kaiser is interested in funding community gardens; and other programs that benefit physical- and mental health. Kaiser's health goals align with those of TT.

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

- Communication & Outreach - Maija requested that people send jpeg photos or images along with announcements to make the posts on FB more interesting.
- Community Garden WIT – Rachel announced that the first garden tour of the summer is planned for July 9th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Gardens under consideration include Tumwater Fresh, Garfield, Yauger Park, and West Central Park. Next meeting May 14, 3-4:30 pm at TCPHSS.
- Ag Park/Food Processing WIT – Stephen updated the group on progress on the feasibility study currently underway to assess the need for value-added food processing and a commercial kitchen in the community.

**4) Guest speaker – Pat Rasmussen, Renewable Agriculture –** Pat discussed regenerative agriculture (RA) on her farm, Edible Forest Gardens in our community, and efforts nationwide. She shared highlights from articles about how RA that indicate that this practice reduces global

warming. Pat has helped implement 80 edible gardens in the community with Evergreen State College volunteers.

**5) SSFSN Priorities for 2019-** Marilyn shared SSFSN member survey results conducted over the past several months. Top priorities from the survey include data dissemination and community education; Food Summit/Tasting Salon; Food processing facility & equipment; assessment/mapping of the local food system; community gardens, and increased equity.

## **6) Adjourn**

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

- Wednesday June 5, 2019 at TCHD
- Guest speaker – Jeff Crain of St Martins