



### **SSFSN Minutes**

**June 5, 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; Rachel Friedman, Treasurer & Sustainable S. Sound; Joel Hansen, SSFSN Event Point Person & Tumwater Planning Commission.

**Officers Absent:** Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair, TABC Food Hub Rep., & TESC; Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound, & Secretary.

**Members Present:** Nora White, TCCD, Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Sammy Berg, TC PHSS; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TCAC; Peter Epperson, Steven Harvey, community member, Christine Koehler, WSU Extension Grays Harbor, Jennie Crane, Slow Foods,

#### **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 – May meeting minutes were approved.
- Clarify and approve - Start time: 9:30, Meeting length: 1 hour up to 1.5 hours, Frequency of speakers: no more that 1 speaker every other month. Leadership WIT will discuss and get back to the whole network about whether to send out the WIT updates via email when we are planning to have a speaker.
- Financial Report, Rachel – Current SSFSN bank account balance is \$1797.14.
- Thurston Thrives (TT) - Celeste shared that SSFSN was highlighted in the TT Community Update publication. She elaborated on the meeting with Kaiser in April and discussed that the Leadership WIT is looking for how to put and ask together to TT and Kaiser for technical support, financial assistance or other resources. She asked SSFSN members to send her any ideas that they have along these lines to enhance the TT/Kaiser ask.
- Thurston Asset Building Coalition - Open house on August 15. Time TBD.

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

- Communication & Outreach - Maija - No update
- Data group - active but slow.

- Community Garden WIT – Rachel announced that the first garden tour of the summer is planned for July 9th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All SSFSN members will be receiving an invitation and they can pass it to their networks. This tour is for people who have the interest/capacity to develop and manage gardens (not necessarily potential gardeners). Next tour is for school teachers and administrators on Aug 9.
- Ag Park/Food Processing WIT – Joel updated that they had been looking at a couple of grants. They are not ready yet. They will be updating the community kitchen feasibility study. Once they develop, implement and review the results, they will be ready to submit for grants.
- Summit/Tasting WIT - Joel called for people to be involved in this WIT. The WIT may be able to get some resources from the City of Tumwater.

**4) Guest speaker – Dr. Jeff Crane, St. Martins University Dean of Arts and Sciences and Interim Dean of Business** – Jeff described his background as an environmental historian and an environmental justice, climate activist. He is committed to service learning around food - in the form of community farming. He is very dedicated to community engagement and food justice and has built community gardens in food deserts in San Antonio, TX. He has created Our Common Home Farm which is based on Pope Francis’ speaking on human resilience and uses the democratic consensus model. The farm is a CSA and food justice program based on 4 sites in the area - 1. Parson’s Family Farm - small food forest and regenerative ag kitchen garden; 2. Pigman’s Farm; 3. Sacred Heart Church - community garden for food pantry; 4. South Olympia farm - with Doug firs and fruit/nut trees. In addition to the CSA, the farm has become the main food producer for St. Martin’s on-campus food vendor (Bon Appetite). Two years ago the farm produced 4000# of food that went to community kitchens. Last year they produced 6000# that went to community kitchens and are hoping to produce 12,000# this season.

## 5) Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

- Wednesday July 10, 2019 - location TBD
- Wednesday, August 7, 2019 - location at TCPH