



SSFSN Minutes
October 2, 2019; 9:30-11:00AM
TC Public Health & Social Services

Present: Celeste Wade, Co-Chair; Joel Hansen, SSFSN Event Point Person & Tumwater Planning Commission; Lesley Price, TCPHSS; Chris Koehler, WSU Ext.; Nora White, TC Conservation District; Lynn Fitz Hugh, Thurston Climate Action Team; Krosbie Carter, Thurston Thrives; Patrick Rofe, Community Farmland Trust; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS, and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound & Secretary.

Officers Absent: Rachel Friedman, Treasurer & Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair, TABC Food Hub Rep., & TESC.

1. **Self-Introductions, Updates, & Announcements** - Remember to send announcements for October/November activities to Lesley Price

2. **Leadership Working Issue Team (WIT) Report**
 - Action Required – September Minutes were approved.
 - Financial Report - Rachel was absent but sent information to Celeste who reported that the SSFSN checking balance is \$1692.42 dollars.
 - Thurston Thrives Summary – Celeste attended the September TT Coordinating Council meeting and reported back about on a presentation by a representative of The Moore Write Group, a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse, and abandonment. They've created a resource center that provides clothes, home essentials, and hygiene items to those in need. Krosbie reported on the "HOPE" project, which has the goal of improving health outcomes through measuring and increasing a sense of hope in the community. For more information on HOPE, go to <https://thurstonthrives.org/hope-thurston/>

3. **Leadership Meeting Changes:**
 - Upcoming changes & sectors needed – Changes include Rachel becoming co-chair and Celeste becoming treasurer in 2020. Others are welcome to step up to volunteer for these or other SSFSN leadership positions. Krosbie asked that we share SSFSN Officer job descriptions so people know what they are committing to and Celeste will send out an email with this info. Celeste solicited input on sectors that are missing in this meeting. Lynn suggested that we send out a one-question f/u survey to ask what would make them attend. The SSFSN leadership team is willing to call/contact people who are missing. The SSFSN is looking at creating a newsletter to share information among members since we have 150 on our email list, but only 10-20 attending the monthly meetings.

4. Food Summit & Tasting WIT, Joel & Maija

- Thurston County Health Department Temporary food permits are required and should be applied for in advance.
- Proposed title: *SS Food Summit 2020: A Celebration of Local Foods*. March 14th, Lacey Senior Center, 9 a.m. – 10 registrations; programs 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (six sessions, 2 tracks with 3 sessions per track). Focus on local foods – how to grow, buy, use. The “market” will be open from about 12 noon until 5 pm, possibly including beer/wine and entertainment.
- Proposed draft budget: Maija reviewed expenses from the 2018 Food Summit. SPSCC facility cost was \$1500, which was a steep discount, but we had to use their catering, which was about \$3400. The 2020 event will be held at the Lacey Community Center, including 12 hours of time. We have permission to bring in food trucks. The main caterer is yet to be determined if there is one. Marketing costs were inflated due to the rack cards, so it should be less this year. Maija estimates the need for about \$15000, which includes about \$3000 for entry scholarships and CSA boxes; entertainment (\$400) and childcare (\$1500). Maija feels that we can decrease the cost of childcare and entertainment. Cathy suggested childcare being housed at the Lacey Senior Center and gave Chris Quimby as the contact. Permit for a beer garden would be about \$2500, which is a lot but attracts people. We’ll be asking for grants and sponsorship. Maija asked us to start considering who can sponsor this event. Entry fees yet to be determined. Cathy to ask Batdorf and Bronson to donate coffee/tea service again.

5. Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

- November 6th, December 4th
- Agenda &/or Speaker Suggestions?