



**SSFSN Minutes  
January 8, 2020  
TC Public Health & Social Services**

**Present:** Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair, TABC Food Hub Rep. & TESC; Celeste Wade, Co-Chair;; Joel Hansen, SSFSN Event Point-Person & Tumwater Planning Commission; Lesley Price, TCPHSS; Chris Koehler, WSU Ext.; Mayra Pena, TABC; Taylor Egordo, Thurston Thrives; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS, Deb Crocket, GRuB CEO; Jenni Crain, Slow Food; Nora White, Thurston Conservation District; Loretta Sepponen; Community Farm Land Trust; Colleen Minion, TC Public Works; Helen Lant, TCFB; Heidi Smith, Bounty of Families; and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound & Secretary.

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

- Attendees shared organization activities for January & February. Cathy reminded the group to email Lesley Price information and fliers that they'd like to have sent to the SSFSN group email.

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

- Action Required – December Meeting Minutes were approved
- Leadership transitions – Racheal has stepped away from the group due to other priorities, so we'll need a new Co-Chair. Cathy will be stepping away from her role as secretary after March, although she'll continue to participate in the SSFSN meetings.
- Financial Report, Celeste reported that the balance remains \$1422.74.
- Thurston Asset Building Coalition Update (Marilyn/Mayra) – Equity training continues to be a priority for the TABC. Steering Committee members will be receiving equity training in Portland soon with the goal of bringing the training back to community Hubs, including the SSFSN.
- Thurston Thrives Annual Meeting, Taylor reported that the TT Coordinating Council will meet on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm at EDC, room 108 MaryAnn O'Garro will review the third segment of equity statistics for the community.

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

- **Food Summit**, Maija & Joel. Save the Date sent and event listed on Facebook, but help is still needed to spread the word. Sponsorship packet done. Mayra has reached out to Kaiser, Molina, Lucky Eagle, and the Community Foundation. They secured \$400 for scholarships through the Olympia Food Coop Community Sustaining Fund. The vendor packet is complete and has been sent out to potential vendors. The press release is with Thurston Thrives and we're waiting for them to move it forward. The priorities include securing additional sponsorships, vendors, and volunteers. Registration costs for early bird is \$25 for morning sessions and \$10 for afternoon. \$35 at the door. Food vendor fee \$25 for inside, more for outside. Food trucks \$50 fee. early bird. Vendors must secure

and pay for their own temporary food permits. Marilyn reminded the group that we did an intensive outreach effort to community organizations to recruit participants who will need to attend on a scholarship basis. At this time, they have \$2400 for scholarships, which includes CSA shares for these folks. Activities for kids and childcare options are being planned as well. We are looking for donations for kid prizes, games, and snacks. Natasha of Mosaic Marketing presented a revised logo for the upcoming Food Summit, which Maija presented to the group. Chris reminded the group that we're the land of strawberries not raspberries, so consider changing the graphics. Heidi said her Board has a sign maker on it and he may donate his services to make a new banner.

- **Ag Park/Food Processing WIT**, Cathy & Marilyn shared that the commercial kitchen survey first wave has closed and we will be sharing the link to the survey with the community at large. The results of this survey will be shared with the group. The goal is to support the local food system. Cathy discussed the Port of Olympia funding used to support this work, which has been utilized by Senior Services for South Sound and WSU to draft business plans for a commercial kitchen/Meals on Wheels production kitchen and for a value-added produce processing project. Marilyn also share that she is working with

**5) SSFSN Strategy Mapping Exercise**, Marilyn reported that the purpose is to allow SSFSN to set measurable goals and track our progress. We reviewed the original strategy map that was drafted when the group was solely the Food Action Team Hub of Thurston Thrives. We have expanded to encompass farming, environment, and land use since this was drafted. Next, she reviewed our SSFSN Mission and Vision, which promotes and supports food equity, the local food system, local economy, environment, and good food for all people. Marilyn updated the strategy map, including Partners, Activities, Objectives, goals, and visions. which she reviewed with the group for feedback. She feels strongly that a measure of a viable food system is our ability to feed ourselves with locally produced food. Measurable objectives/goals were outlined as well in the strategy map. Value-added supply chain - A network of business enterprises in a wholesale market moving goods that act with ethics and values. We know that while local farmers' markets are important, FM alone cannot support local farmers in full. The goal is for the strategy map to inform the work of the SSFSN as we move forward. Lesley reminded the group that TT was created to help people eat healthfully in the community. Deb asked about the evolution of the strategy map and how we might proceed with reviewing, evaluating, revising, and adopting a strategy map for the SSFSN. Lesley will send out an electronic version and please review the draft and provide feedback. We'll review it again at the February SSFSN meeting.

**6) Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:** February 5, 2020 at TCHD