

South Sound Food System Network Meeting
February 5th, 2020, 9:30am to 11:30 am

Minutes

Present: Heidi Smith, Joel Hansen, Lesley Price, Stephen Bramwell, Maya Glasier-Lawson, Taylor Egordo Deb Crockett, Patrick Rofe, Amy Healy, Chris Koehler, and Marilyn Sitaker

Leadership WIT

- Leadership opportunities available: secretary, co-chair at a minimum
- Proposal: student intern to support meetings/internet updates; Skype, zoom, posts, other technical support and minutes
- Financial report: about \$1400 in account, no change
- Thurston Thrives: Community Health Access update; focus on younger and older age groups and rural communities
- Thurston County Asset Building Coalition: currently seeking additional funding, no update

WITs

Food Summit

- Summit date has been changed. Looking at October ____ or November 14th
- Several funding contributions have been made from Community Fund, Molina, Lucky Eagle, Olympia Farmers' Market, Tumwater Farmers' Market, Community Sustaining Fund, Thurston Thrives, Batdorf and Bronson (in kind).
- Some speakers have been identified.
- Stay posted for future planning sessions

Strategy Map

Proposed by Chair Marilyn Sitaker as a tool to establish clear goals, articulate what the Network is trying to do, and vet proposed activities to maintain focus

Questions:

- Do we want to build this out/embark?
- What strategies?
- Where are the gaps this group strategically fills/adds value? (where would we be most effective?)

Potential to unveil at the Food Summit

Process: Lesley on WIT, Taylor to help; Marilyn has potential support to complete ground work on strategy map and facilitation

Action: Network members review, put comments in Track Changes (review goals and objectives, and how they are linked to Vision)

Food Processing

- Review of activities and work to date

- Context for food processing: facilitating product to institutions and other buyers, based on WSDA findings that produce must be minimally processed for most institutions to buy and use local product efficiently
- Port of Olympia funding in 2019 supported:
 - Completion of Business Plan for Senior Services for South Sound centralized kitchen, to expand Meals access to seniors and potential revenue from co-packing minimally processed vegetables for a farmer Food Hub
- Completion of Feasibility Assessment for minimally processed produce to purchase raw product from farmers and sell processed produce locally/regionally
- Next steps: integrate the revenue shortfall SSSS requires to fund centralization of a kitchen with potential co-packing revenue from minimally processed product