



## 26 February 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons  
Jennifer Studebaker  
Stephanie Solomon  
John Galuska  
Megan Hutchison  
Nikki Wooten  
David Parkhurst  
Stephen Hale

Absent: Angela Babb

Guests: Ashley Schoolman and Ashley Hall  
from United Way of Monroe County

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Stephen Hale confirmed a quorum was present.
2. The meeting agenda was approved.
3. January steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no revisions.
4. Officer Elections: Stephen moved that Michael Simmons remain Chair, David Parkhurst as Treasurer, and Jennifer Studebaker be instated as Secretary. This motion was seconded by Michael, Megan, and Stephanie, and passed without objections. Angela Babb has agreed to fill the Membership Chair opening.
5. Guests: Ashley Schoolman and Ashley Hall of United Way introduced themselves. They were interested in observing our meeting, since United Way likes to address issues of essentials, like food. Ashley Schoolman was especially interested in a potential Food Day collaboration.
6. Treasurer's report: David reported the balance is expected to be around 100 dollars with recent dues payments. Regarding our 501(c)(3) application, the IRS stated that they were just now addressing applications submitted in May 2012, which is a year before our submission. It appears we will have to continue waiting.
7. Conflict of Interest forms were distributed, and completed forms were received from Megan Hutchison, Jennifer Studebaker, H. Michael Simmons, David Parkhurst, Stephen Hale, John Galuska, and Nicole Wooten. There were no conflicts of interest in these that require a steering committee discussion.
8. The March Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for noon at Sweet Claire on March 26<sup>th</sup>, and it was agreed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon would be the planned meeting time for Steering Committee meetings in the coming year, location varying.

9. Advocacy Report – Stephen reports that Dave Rollo of the Bloomington City Council has agreed to sponsor the food charter as one of his key points, with the deer taskforce being the other. Some issues were raised regarding a conflict of interest for Dave Rollo, so support is needed from additional council members.
10. Chair Report – Michael interviewed with Carol
11. Assessment Report – The Working Group met with Amy Thompson in January, and it appears that her time and resources are limited, so email communication is the best method to connect and share information. Protective and display methods for the physical map are still being worked out. The survey will be extended through April. Stephen met with April Hammerand of the Indiana Healthy Weight Initiative, a program of the Indiana Public Health Association. We will invite her to attend the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting.
12. Education Report – The Life Long Learning Week, the week after Labor Day, will feature an Urban Farming Theme. Food Day will likely be combined with the Food Summit idea to produce a full day of events in the fall. Stephanie will be planning this, and she will welcome assistance in brainstorming.
13. Outreach Report – Nikki has a new student helper for the social media, and she is looking to create a newsletter email soon. She would like to work on volunteer outreach and develop a calendar of tabling opportunities. Stephen has agreed to help with the Ready Set Grow! event coming up in May.
14. The April Quarterly Meeting was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm at Hilltop Gardens with Christine Barber as the guest speaker. Michael has confirmed that the space is available, and an announcement will be sent out once it is confirmed that Christine will be able to attend.
15. Announcements – Double Market Bucks were extended this year. A seed Starting/Saving workshop is coming up, and there is a bee keeping class on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Hilltop.

Addition (3/9): Megan shared that SB179, after being amended, was passed by the State Agricultural Committee. The bill will allow small farmers to sell eggs on farm and at farmers' markets, without paying for a permit. The bill will also allow the sale of fresh (refrigerated) poultry on farm. The bill was passed by the House last week, and just needs the Governor's signature.