



## 28 May 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons  
Nikki Wooten  
Stephen Hale  
Stephanie Solomon  
Jennifer Studebaker  
Angela Babb  
John Galuska

Absent: Megan Hutchinson  
David Parkhurst

Guests: April Hammerand  
Holli Kyle  
Alicia Richharte  
Kaahfii King

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Jennifer confirmed a quorum was present.
2. April steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no additional revisions.
3. In Dave's absence, Jennifer gave the Treasurer's report of a \$138.06 balance. Michael announced that we have received our 501(c)3 status after a minor revision request. The revision was passed by the Steering Committee and duplicated a statement from the bylaws in the articles of incorporation. We are now eligible to receive tax-deductible donations and move onto a Serve-IT webserver.
4. Advocacy Report – Stephen reports that things are on track, and he is scheduled to meet with Dave Sherman soon to discuss the charter's appearance before the council.
5. Education Report – Stephanie reports that we have all of our paperwork in for the Lifelong Learning Week, and notes from the LLC meeting can be found in the Education folder. Annie Corrigan of Earth Eats is confirmed as a moderator. Planning is beginning for the Food Day event at Mother Hubbard, and Rick Wilk has expressed an interest in making a class assignment related to the event for his Food and Culture class. Stephanie will schedule a planning meeting and send out a Doodle to find times. Also, Stephanie mentioned that she and two others would like to take over the Ready, Set, Grow event on behalf of the council, and this was happily approved, since it was originally a BFPC event.
6. Assessment Report – John and Jennifer reported that the city map was a success at Ready, Set, Grow. At least 20 home gardens were mapped and additional data collected. Also, the Growers survey will be closed on May 31<sup>st</sup> with 96 respondents at the time of the meeting.
7. Outreach Report – Nikki asked if we would like to participate at the IU Involvement Fair, and it was confirmed that we will have a presence on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nikki will work with Michael on announcing our new non-profit status. She will also send a thank you letter to

Senator Joe Donnelly, since his intervention led to our expedited approval. She has also been working with Stephanie on the Food Panel and Food Day events. She will contact Matt at ServeIT concerning our website transfer.

8. Membership Report – Angela reported we are up 15 members. Lists of members and donations are currently listed on the Google Drive. She is also working on a list of membership benefits, which will be used in future recruiting efforts.
9. Guest - April Hammerand is the Program Coordinator for Indiana Health Weight Initiative, a statewide coalition focused on reducing obesity by working with any food groups focused on health, fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity. She is working with the food system and food policy councils, to increase farmers' markets that accept SNAP/Freshbucks in Indy, and with Indiana State Department of Health. Laura Hornworth trains markets to accept SNAP, and Laura Betsinger communicates with people on SNAP for EBT cards. Her funding is through CDC through the Indiana State Department and Indiana Public Health Association. April made the Local Food Guide, and is Manager of Binford Farmer's Market. The guide is a free resource. April is also on the board of the Indy Food Policy Council, which we may be able to attend the July meeting of. Whitney Fields would be the contact there.
10. Announcements - Green Drinks was Wednesday (5/28) at 5pm, and Nikki volunteered to announce our new status there. Also, Friday (5/30) was the Clips/Beer Festival in Bryan Park.
11. Our next Steering Meeting will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon at Sweet Claire.