



## 23 July 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons  
Nikki Wooten  
Stephanie Solomon  
Jennifer Studebaker  
David Parkhurst  
John Galuska

Absent: Angela Babb  
Stephen Hale  
Megan Hutchinson

Guests: Ryan Conway

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Jennifer confirmed a quorum was present.
2. June steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no additional revisions outside the correction of "city" to "county" on item #9.
3. Treasurer's Report – Our current balance is \$236.45. This is following a refund of 3 months service from DreamHost and \$45.95 in state taxes. There is \$30 from February and \$20 from May in Paypal that need to be attributed towards memberships, so Dave will contact Angela for assistance with this.
4. Advocacy Report – Stephen was unable to attend, so Michael reported that he had spoken with Jacqui regarding the charter. She will follow up with the mayor with our revised charter. Michael did mention that we could take out a Herald Times ad asking why food security is not a city government priority. Our goal is to have the charter passed by September before budgeting starts. Michael has a meeting with the deputy mayor next week. We also discussed using the WFIU radio spots, Interchanger, and Facebook to promote and ask for the city's attention on this matter.
5. Education Report – Stephanie reported that they are working on the panel questions and event agenda for September 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be advertising through the city website, print calendar, Facebook, and a press release. Jennifer mentioned the possibility of having CATS tape the event, and Jennifer will forward the request form onto Nikki. Food Day planning is also in process with pie classes, fruit tree classes, and a food summit among the events. They are in the process of negotiating apple cider and pie donations. Nikki has invited legislators to this and the panel. Bioneers will be allowed to have 25 visitors come. Our target audience for Food Day is the food insecure in our city and legislators. The summit title is "What challenges do we see and how can we work together as a community?" With a think-pair-share we would like the audience to participate in the discussion. We will need to borrow folding chairs, and add the event to the calendar.

6. Assessment Report – Jennifer contacted Sue at the library regarding displaying the map, and Michael confirmed that Marilyn Wood had agreed to have it displayed in the atrium. We would like to develop a class around the map to discuss food security for children, and Stephanie mentioned that such a class would also be great at Mother Hubbard's as well. The survey is closed, and the results being processed. We are working on ways to display the mind map in person and online. Ryan mentioned that he would ask around the Ostrom Workshop someone could help us use the software for this type of mapping. This meeting will be John's last as part of the committee. Since he had also been serving as the Edible Campus liaison, he will ask around to see if someone else would like to take this over. We will also be working on an outline for our city-wide report, which people are welcome to contribute their thoughts to.
7. Outreach Report – Nikki announced that ServIT will set us up with a student helper to manage our website. She asked that she be able to confirm our interest, with plans to check with Megan about her concerns. We agreed that she should move forward with ServIT, while emphasizing that we need assistance with updating, not a new site. Angela and Nikki agreed that we should have a meeting to revise our strategic plan in light of recent changes, and Jennifer will send out a Doodle poll for organizing one in November. Stephanie mentioned that we could use the Hub as a meeting place.
8. Other announcements – Michael shared that Kroger had organized a meeting with farmers and local markets in Kentucky on how to be more local, and he mentioned that we may be able to suggest a similar meeting here.

Michael has been invited to attend the Food for Tomorrow conference on November 11-12, though he is still seeing whether it would be financially feasible. It was suggested he check out SARE USDA Educator grants and contact Roy Ballard.

9. Guest – Ryan Conway introduced himself as a 5<sup>th</sup> year PhD student in political science, and he is attending on behalf of the Ostrom Workshop's Community Commons Working Group. He was a student of Elinor Ostrom, and his work is in health policy and community organizing. The Ostrom Workshop may have information and people that would be able to assist with the city report and policy analysis. He will attend our Steering Committee meeting to look at the potential interfaces between the Workshop and the BFPC. He shared some handouts about the concept of the commons. He will attend our next meeting as well.
10. Announcements – The Domestic Resilience class at Mother Hubbard's is on July 24<sup>th</sup>, and Michael will be doing a garden presentation at Hilltop on September 7<sup>th</sup> with university administrators as a guests.
11. Next Meeting – August 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at Sweet Claire