



24 September 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons
Nikki Wooten
Stephanie Solomon
Jennifer Studebaker
Ryan Conway
Angela Babb
Stephen Hale

Absent: David Parkhurst
Megan Hutchinson

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Jennifer confirmed a quorum was present.
2. August steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no additional revisions.
3. Treasurer's Report – In Dave's place, Michael reported that \$56 was spent on renewing our PO box, leaving a balance of \$140. We are still waiting to receive our tax refund.
4. Ryan Conway was welcomed to the Steering Committee. His nomination was approved via an email vote.
5. Advocacy Report – The mayor voiced his support of the BFPC charter on the radio, so now we are waiting to get onto the City Council calendar to move things forward. We have not heard anything additionally from the city government, and Stephen will work on reconnecting with Dan Sherman and others regarding the calendar scheduling. Michael noted that we do have the option of a guest editorial in the Herald-Times. We will also reintroduce the charter at the county level.
6. Education Report - Food Chain was a success with 45 people in attendance. The feedback was very positive, and people asked to see more panels. Suggestions for next time included try a more diverse panel in demographics and area of food system. One drawback was the room was not ready at library. Ryan has video ready to upload online, and he has the equipment to livestream next time.

October 25 has been declared Food Day in a proclamation from the Mayor, and Ryan will frame it for display at our upcoming event. Everything is set in terms of planning. Stephanie is waiting for a confirmation on the orchard fruit tress class, but she has the chair pickup scheduled. For the agenda, people start arriving around 2, the pie and fruit tree demos are at 2:15p and 2:45p, a short quarterly meeting from 3-3:30 focused on recruitment, and the Pie in the Sky summit from 3:30 to 4:30. To improve recruitment efforts, we will develop a brochure for the working groups.

7. For the Winter Quarterly meeting, Nikki will talk to the Winter Market Board regarding a January meeting on either the 24th or the 31st. The potluck would begin at 12:30pm with the meeting starting at 1pm, ending at 2:30pm. At the next Steering Committee (October 22nd), we should have ideas for speakers. We also have the following officer positions to fill at the Annual Meeting (Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary).
8. Assessment Report – The city map was on display at Big Red Eats Green (BREG), and three student signatures were collected for the petition. There were no additional updates, though Jennifer will be scheduling another group meeting soon.
9. Membership Report – Contacts from BREG need to be emailed, and Angela will meet with Nikki regarding a membership drive.
10. Outreach Report – Nikki is aiming to get out another newsletter in October before Food Day. She will need working group updates by October 13th, so she can send the newsletter out by October 15th.
11. Stephanie noted that we hadn't set a time for our Strategic Plan meeting, so December 6th from 9-noon was agreed on, set at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. It will be a breakfast potluck.
12. Ryan has been in touch with Saba Siddiki at IUPUI, and she and colleagues have been doing work on Food Policy councils. They would like to present her research to us. Ryan will check on availability for Annual Meeting and get abstract, and also see if they would like to attend the Strategic planning meeting.
13. Andy Mulgrave has agreed to donate two gallons of cider, and we will need to purchase two additional gallons. Dave can bring a check for this to the October 22nd meeting to give to Nikki.
14. Yale Alumni Magazine had a feature on their new institute on the study of networks, which Michael notes has applicability to our work, especially the mind-map and looking at how information is shared.
15. The IU Food Summit is scheduled for November 7th.
16. Ryan asked about the history of the food charter, and Stephen explained the "governments" to "community" word change in our introduction. This word change should be advantageous in that we can now have the food charter accepted by a wider range of organizations, including companies like Kroger.
17. The October Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at noon at Sweet Claire.