



19 November 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Simmons
Nikki Wooten
Jennifer Studebaker
Ryan Conway
David Parkhurst
Megan Hutchinson

Absent: Angela Babb
Stephen Hale

Guest: Samantha Schaefer

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

1. Jennifer confirmed a quorum was present.
2. October steering committee meeting minutes were accepted by the chair with no additional revisions.
3. Treasurer's Report – The balance is \$170.32 with an additional \$40 waiting to be withdrawn from PayPal and an expected IRS refund of \$83.60. Recent costs were \$13 for cider at the Quarterly Meeting.
4. Advocacy – Since Stephen was not present, Michael reported that there has not been any movement on scheduling the meetings with city department heads Dave Rollo suggested. Stephen will try to reconnect with Dave and ask regarding possible divisions over the deer cull. Dorothy Granger is another likely sponsor of the Food Charter. We still expect to be on the city council schedule for January.
5. Education – Around 75 people were in attendance at Pie Fest, and the event was an overall success. It was noted that for future BFPC events with collaborators we need to have a stronger brand presence and clear listing in promotional materials. Ryan has photos from the event, which he will share via Google Drive for future use on Facebook and in Newsletters. Nikki sent out thank you notes for donations.
6. Secretary - Edible Indy has contacted us with an interest in partnership, and Michael has agreed to communicate with them. Also, the core of the BFPC website has been updated to accommodate Dreamhost's upgrade to PHP 5.4. A contact from an orchard researcher, Megan Betz, was received asking for information on city planting policies.
7. Assessment – No current updates as a meeting needs to be scheduled. Mindmap information has been passed onto Angela.

8. Outreach – Space has been reserved for January 24th and Nikki will update calendars for save the dates. The Annual Meeting will begin at 1:00pm, with a potluck at 12:30pm at Harmony School.
9. There was the suggestion of a reading/viewing list for the Annual Meeting to supplement Joe Varga's presentation on food workers.
10. The Strategic Meeting is set for December 6th at Mother Hubbard's from 9am to noon.
11. The decision of Mayor Kruzan to not seek a fourth term may have impacts on the Food Charter, especially with the turnover of department heads.
12. Our guest from IU Health, Samantha Schaefer, is a registered dietitian and a member of the Active Living Coalition. Her position includes community outreach on top of her nutritional work with clients. She has the ability to partner with us and assist in finding meeting hosting locations. She is open for ideas on how she can support us, and she or one of her colleagues will try to attend our meetings. The Chart Committee may be able to offer their support of the Food Charter, and there are several data collection projects that could feed into our assessment work.
13. The next Steering Committee meetings were scheduled for noon December 17th and January 21st at Sweet Claire.
14. Announcements
 - a. The Winter Guild Gathering is scheduled for February 7th for the full day at Harmony School.
 - b. Michael Simmons suggested Naomi Klein's This Changes Everything as a book of interest for our work.