

Waushara Food Connections Meeting Notes – April 21, 2017

Waushara County Courthouse, Room 25

Present: Patrick Nehring, Amber Gotch, Rene Ingwalson, Bob Precourt, Corey Jungwirth, Bruce Rennels

Call to order at 9:05.

Approval of Notes From Prior Meetings

Motion by Gotch, second by Precourt to approve the notes from the June 9, 2016 meeting.

Wautoma and Redgranite Community Garden

The Wautoma Community Garden is at Grace United Methodist Church. The Redgranite Community Garden at Saint Mark Church. The community gardens need to be promoted. Flyers and poster were passed out and will be emailed out. They will be available at the food pantries and County Human Services.

Food Panty Assistance

Nehring shared showed a map of the food pantries and the areas they cover. He will email this out to the committee. The Hancock Research Station will have potatoes available for the food pantries toward the end of May. They need to know the following from the food pantries:

- 1) Would they accept fresh potatoes?
- 2) What types of packaging would they prefer or could they handle, for example 5-pound bag, 10-pound bag, or large box of potatoes where people can bag their own?
- 3) How many volunteers could the food pantry provide to bag/divide up a large bin of potatoes and take to their respective food pantry?

Precourt will contact Saxeville. Ingwalson will contact Wautoma and Redgranite. Jungwirth will contact Coloma. Nehring will contact Poy Sippi. Other committee members will be asked to contact Plainfield. As a committee we will compile the responses and work with Gotch at the Hancock Research Station to make arrangements for the distribution of the potatoes.

Farm stand promotion and accessibility, including using EBT/Quest Card

UW-Extension created a website to list the locations of farm stands in the county. The website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wilocalfoodlocator/> was shown. Committee members are asked to provide the locations of farm stands around the county.

Community Food Challenge Simulation

UW-Extension has a food security simulation to help people understand the struggles not having access to food. Looking for sponsors for the training, which would involve committee volunteers for the simulation.

Other projects

Other projects will be looked at later meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the first couple weeks in May.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15.