

Waushara Food Connections Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2018
Waushara County Courthouse, Room 25

Present: Mike Cappoletta, Amber Gotch, Patrick Nehring, Auttum Powell, Bruce Rennels,
Lieah Wilder

Call to order at 9:05.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gotch/Cappoletta to approve the agenda. Carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gotch/Powell to approve the minutes from March 23 with the following changes: Auttum spelled correctly and Everett Eckstein will conduct the square foot garden training on May 5. Carried

Meeting with Area Churches

Nehring and Jan Novak met with county churches, which met to discuss ways the churches may become actively involved in addressing poverty issues in the county. The pastors and church leaders decided to hold an event on September 9 called We ARE in Christ Festival. The event will include activities related to Advocacy, Resources, and Education (ARE). There is religious organization that may speak about advocacy. There will be some sort of resource development activity, like a food drive for the food pantries or a personal hygiene needs drive. One of the activities for the education component of the event could be the Community Food Challenge provided by Waushara Food Connections.

Gleaning

Nehring will ask the County Administrator about the County holding the insurance.

Food Panty Assistance

The Hancock Research Station sent potatoes to Second Harvest and is still offering them to Waushara food pantries. Wilder will provided contacts to the Research Station for food pantries in Marquette and Green Lake.

Wautoma and Redgranite Community Garden

The Wautoma Community Garden is all set for the season.

The Redgranite Community Garden may not continue. There is currently no manager for the garden. No one has signed up to use the garden. The church, which manages the garden and owns the property, is debating the value of continuing the garden if it is not being used by lower income residents in the Redgranite area. Powell will send out a letter to area service organizations asking them to adopt the Redgranite Community Garden as a project and possibly donate the garden's produce to the food pantries. The letter will ask service organizations to reply by May 15. If there are community residents or a service organization signed up to use the garden. Master Gardener Everett Eckstein will hold a training about square foot gardening at the Redgranite Community Garden.

Community Food Challenge Simulation

The committee will be providing this training at the We ARE in Christ festival on September 9.

Farm Stand Promotion

The website is being updated. Cards about the website will be brought for distribution at the next meeting.

Committee Membership

Membership forms will be brought to the next meeting.

Other Projects

The focus will be on current issues.

Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 25 at 9:00.

Motion by Gotch/Cappoletta to adjourn. Motion carried.