

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

Present: Mike Coppoletta, Amber Gotch, Patrick Nehring, Auttum Powell,
Deacon Bob Precourt, Bruce Runnels

Call to order at 9:05.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gotch/Runnels to approve the agenda. Carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Runnels/Coppoletta to approve the minutes from April 27 as sent. Carried

Gleaning

Nehring ask County Administrator about the County holding the insurance and he is open to the idea. Gotch will put together a draft letter requesting the support of the county.

Food Panty Assistance

Activities covered as part of community garden and gleaning.

Wautoma and Redgranite Community Garden

The Redgranite Community Garden currently has no one 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 sent out 21 letters 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 few responses that were received said their organization would not be able to take on the garden as a project. Other options for the garden were discussed, including moving the garden boxes and soils to the food pantries, adding them to the Wautoma Community Garden, and retrofitting them for a senior living facility. The garden boxes could be retrofitted to be used by someone standing or sitting. Gotch will follow-up with the administration at Heartland House and Preston Place to determine their interest.

Information about the Redgranite Community Garden were put out though the Backpack Program, the Waushara Argus, the libraries, the grocery stores, and food pantries. The Wautoma Community Garden managed by Grace United Methodist Church is being used. Powell will send a survey to Grace to find out why garden users choose to use the Wautoma Community Garden

Community Food Challenge Simulation

The committee will be providing this training at the We ARE in Christ festival on September 9. With the possibility attendance, two simulations are being considered.

Farm Stand Promotion

The website is being updated. Cards about the website were distributed.

Committee Membership

Membership forms will be brought to the next meeting by Powell.

Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 9 at 9:00.

Motion by Gotch/Coppoletta to adjourn. Motion carried.