

Waushara Food Connections Meeting Notes – June 14, 2017
Waushara County Courthouse, Room 25

Present: Mike Coppoletta, Everett Eckstein, Amber Gotch, Amanda Kutcher, Patrick Nehring, Auttum Powell, Bruce Rennels, Zina Soltis

Call to order at 9:05.

Approval of Notes From Prior Meetings

Motion by Rennels/Soltis to approve the minutes from May 12, 2017.

Food Panty Assistance

The UW Hancock Research Station will need to move out their potatoes soon. Gotch and Coppoletta will talk to Marty Lee at the Waushara County Commodities Food Pantry (Wautoma) to get more potatoes.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is conducting a food drive for the month of June. Food will be collected at the senior meal sites during the month of June. Gotch will have posters about the food drive at the June Dairy Breakfast and the Hancock Pea Festival.

Waushara Commodities Food Pantry will have mobile sites, including at the Wautoma senior meal site.

Gleaning

Tabled until more information is available about the Gleaning Geezers program.

Wautoma and Redgranite Community Garden

The Wautoma Community Garden is at Grace United Methodist Church. There are 12 plots available and two raised beds. Three families have sign up to use gardens. The Redgranite Community Garden at Saint Mark Church.

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

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

Department of Aging has \$25 vouchers for participating farm stands in the county that are distributed at the senior meal sites on a first-come-first-served basis. They go fast.

Farmers' Market at Waushara Community Church

The need for a credit card reader to use EBT/Quest Cards could be a reason to have a farmers' market. Looking at having a farmers market at Waushara Community Church. Church elders need the mission behind holding a farmers market and details. Look into doing this next year. This item should be reviewed in late fall by the committee. A couple of ideas to make the market possible are to have volunteers man the produce stands so farmers do not need to add the expense of paying to have their stand manned and have local food available for brunch using the stands produce.

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. Look closer at this in the fall.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was scheduled for July 21. Meeting adjourned at 10:20.