

Waushara Food Connections Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2017
Waushara County Courthouse, Room 25

Present: Mike Coppoletta, Everett Eckstein, Amber Gotch, Marty Lee, Patrick Nehring, Auttum Powell, Bruce Runnels, Zina Soltis

Call to order at 9:05.

Approval of Notes From Prior Meetings

Motion by Runnels/Soltis to approve the minutes from June 14, 2017.

Food Panty Assistance

The Hancock Research Station will have 1 tote (2000 lbs) of potatoes available for the food pantry each month during the storage season. Lee and Gotch will work out the details for distributing the potatoes.

Gleaning

Lee provided a report on the Gleaning Geezers program. They borrow a truck from the local CAP program. CAP's insurance covers the truck. There is no liability insurance for volunteers. The liability of the farmer is unknown. The Waushara Commodities Food Pantry did some gleaning at a farm in Marquette County. As a result of limited harvesting equipment, everything had to be handled three times.

Wautoma and Redgranite Community Garden

The Wautoma Community Garden at Grace United Methodist Church is being used. The Redgranite Community Garden at Saint Mark Church is being used by one local family and Casa Esther.

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. Nehring will provide business cards to promote the website.

EBT use for next year will be explored.

Farmers' Market at Waushara Community Church

Looking at having a farmers market at Waushara Community Church. It needs to be connected to the church's food pantry.

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.

Other Projects

The meal sites in Waushara County request a donation to cover some of the cost of the meals. Some people do not attend the sites because they cannot contribute. Maybe a ticket for the meal could be provided to make it easier for these people to attend.

Monthly mobile food pantries for seniors, but open to all, was discussed.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was scheduled for August 25. Motion by Eckstein/Gotch to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10.