

Vision 2020
Regular Meeting 1/22/2018
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Jan N.

Those in attendance were: Justine Riesterer, Patrick Nehring, Marge Sholar, MaryAnn Schilling, Tracy Bastar, Mary LaBlanc, Kelsey Chappa, Bruce Runnels, Rev. Rafael Cubilette, Lieah Wilder, Jan Novak
Introductions were made.

Agenda was approved – motion by Mary L, second by MaryAnn S
Minutes were approved – Motion by MaryAnn S, second by Tracy B

No public comments

Reports:

Food Connections–

Patrick N expanded on the written report sharing information about the Food Challenge simulation. If anyone knows of an organization who would like to host, please let Patrick know.
Food Markets – if you hear of new markets opening, let Patrick know so that he is able to add it to the website. Patrick also added that there are 2 Community Gardens – St. Marks in Redgranite and Grace United Methodist in Wautoma.

Jan N handed out the meeting schedule for WPC committees

Community Outreach –

Jan N shared that she and Patrick N had met with 7-8 County Clergy at their request. Congregations are interested in and want to be more involved in poverty reduction in the County. They will be meeting again for action planning in March. Congregations could consider becoming involved in the following short term projects:

- Back to School Bash
- Food Pantry
- Active Aging – Blizzard Boxes (non-perishable foods for Meals on Wheels recipients)
- Quilts for the needy
- Sanitation Drive – personal items, nutritional supplements
- Paper products/cleaning supply drive
- Pet food drives

Economic Profile

Jan N suggested that we could keep the Profile handout simple, but could do more in-depth information on the slide presentation. Patrick N reviewed new information about Food Share data. Following changes were suggested:

- Add charts/info on Food Share recipients - adult/children; Families working; and Families with disabilities
- Eliminate Wisconsin comparison data re FRLP
- Eliminate Worker Flow
- Changes all graphs should to 10 years
- Condense Living With Poverty to bar graph to save room and simplify
- Education Status bar graph – discussed eliminating this. Some saw value in keeping this information; others felt it would be more helpful if it added comparison information from previous years. Suggested making two profiles – one with current and comparison data and one without the bar graph.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Financial Literacy Workgroup - MaryAnn S talked about the possibility of restarting a financial literacy workgroup to Vision 2020. She distributed a handout with possible members and existing financial programs. Jan N asked the questions – how does this fit into Vision 2020 and what is needed to get the workgroup up and running?? MaryAnn replied that she is looking at Vision 2020 helping to make county residents aware of the need for financial programming and of available programming, needed help would be talking with people and time. MaryAnn S will chair the workgroup.

MaryAnn S moved and Tracy B second the motion to add the Financial Literacy Workgroup to Vision 2020. Motion approved.

W2 and FSET – Kelsey C gave a quick overview of the 2 programs

FSET – offers Employment training

Clients ages 18-49 must meet a work requirement of 80 hours per month

Clients outside that age range do not have the work requirement

Client has to be on Food Share.

W2 – Wisconsin Works – program for clients who have children in the home

Do not need to be on Food Share

Provides financial assistance for anything people need to get a job

Food Share makes an automatic referral to Kelsey's programs

Kelsey is now able to offer her clients \$5 Taxi Vouchers

Kelsey is able to currently meet 1-1 with her clients

Next Meeting – Monday, April 16, 2018

Motion to Adjourn: Marge Sholar – MaryAnn S second. Motion carried.