

To: Food Share
From: Robyn Schieber
Subject: Minutes of November 10, 2021

Members Present: Coty Dunten, Sherry Webber, Erin Dominianni, Hristina Petrovska, Rosie Florian, Amy Brandt, Nathan Rickey, Valerie Owens, Anastacia Danoski and Robyn Schieber

Not present: Melody Woods

Updates:

Sherry talked to Ezra and Levi about unloading the truck they agreed and she sent calendar invites to them to assist on Thursdays.

Coty said that Dr. Washington dropped off a donation and he offered to give us a Brussel sprout recipe for the holiday box.

Rosie updated on the orders for the holiday box. Most everything has been ordered and will be here in a week. Chickens will be picked up from Joe's Farm this week. We are exploring where to purchase broth, and brown sugar. Coty is waiting on Cory to get back to her about making the stuffing.

Vegetables ordered potatoes, rutabaga, butternut squash, and onions.

Erin requested that we have the recipes by Monday the 15th by noon.

Volunteers for the holiday share packing are, Tim Welsh, Kathy Johnson, Nekenga Bergen, & Linda Depta.

Rosie updated on the need to have volunteers here early on Friday the 19 to start prep for packing. Coty will be available at 8 am, Erin will be here in the afternoon. Other volunteers are Levi Funk, Amy Brandt.

We are going to start offering a vegan box to the choices for Food Share sign-up. Sign-up will have to change for the holiday box. Erin will get with Evan to make the changes to the sign-up.

Erin has the big black KVCC tote bags available and will send 100 to us. We have volunteers for both days distribution.

Erin suggested that we offer to have the cabinet members also help with distribution. Sherry will send an email to the members requesting help with the distribution.

Website updates:

Ana shared the website updates, it includes a recipes page, they will all be in google drive and easily searchable. It will be by word. Ana reported a problem with the 2019 recipes not being searchable. Erin is going to send Ana new copy that needs to be changed. Hristina sent a picture of a sample box contents to be posted on the website. Erin will update the FAQ and send to Ana for the website.

Erin will update the copy of suppliers, and send to the committee to go over before sending to Ana for publishing on the Website.

Erin suggested that we have a button to direct students to sign-up for Food Share. Other links to add are how to make a financial donation to Food Share, Schedule of Distribution, Recipes,

Amy shared the lib guide's she has built out with other information to add to the web page. The lib guides include Kalamazoo Food Resources, cookbooks links to the library catalog, links to recipes, food safety, farmers markets cookbooks, links to Community classes, nutrition books, Grow your own, other cooking resources. Amy's will send the link to the lib guides to Ana to be published on the Valley Food Share webpage.

Kudo's to Amy for all her hard work on the lib guides. This will be a great and wonderful resource for our students.

Rosie added the information to Amy to add the information on the double up food bucks. If they spend \$20 it can be doubled up at local stores, and the farmers market for more product.

Grant Updates:

The Okun grant has been approved. Aramark has reached out that they have a surplus of money that they would like to share with Food Share. This would allow them to purchase kitchen utensil for the Holiday Food Share. It would be a grant of \$2500. If they get is approved it will be a quick turnaround to use the money up. They also would like to volunteer to help with packing shares.

Coty got approval from cabinet for to apply for the Giving Well grant. It could be \$2000. The application is an email and the grant is specific to use for meat or utensils. If we get this grant they will issue a check to KVCC for Food Share.

Erin reported that we will be presenting at the summit on January 6th. Coty and Amy will be presenting. Erin will do a short video to present at the summit about Food Share. Annette will be filming Coty, Rosie, Hristina, and Ben.

Next Meeting: January, 25 2022, via Zoom at 10 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83975884450?pwd=aUlrTm5jMklscXFYZklyZkxCSVNYUT09>

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