

**Food Share Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 14, 2025**  
**Virtual**

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Members Present: Rosie Florian, Moriya Hurst, Monteze Morales, Valerie Owens, Hristina Petrovska, Renea Peruski, Nathan Rickey, Robyn Schieber, Isaac Turner, Nancy Young

Members Absent: Sheila Baiers, Amy Brandt (sabbatical), Keith Kroll, Allison Lay, Andrew Young

Others Present: Terri McDonald

Call to Order: Hristina Petrovska called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

Welcome New Members  
Moriya Hurst & Monteze Morales

**Budget**

- The number of boxes each week has been limited to 100 boxes compared to 150 the previous academic year. The primary reason is because LFPA funding will end on December 31, 2025. This has been the primary source of funding for the past several years. LFPA is part of a USDA grant.
- The Kalamazoo Valley Foundation provided a mini grant of \$2500 which was used to purchase the boxes for food share distribution.
- The Okun Grant was received earlier this calendar year and that amount is \$35,000. The current plan is to use that money to help purchase food for the 2026 winter semester.
  - ACTION: Identify someone on the committee to apply for this grant in 2026. Erin Dominianni was the person who has applied for the grant in the past.
- The Kalamazoo Valley Foundation has a line item for food share that is open for donations. This money is separate from the mini grant money. There was some discussion about promoting this option for fundraising within the college community and outside of the college community. This money has not been accessed in several years because the LFPA grant money has been the primary source for purchasing food for the boxes.
  - ACTION: Hristina P. to connect with the foundation to find out how much money is currently available for food share.

**Distribution Concerns at TTC**

- It has been noted that there are some safety concerns during distribution at TTC which occurs at the tower entrance.
  - KVCC public safety made some observations on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The comments made by

the officer included traffic and congestion. Their suggestion was to consider a different location for distribution.

- o The committee members would prefer to keep it at the same location. The primary reason is because of visibility for students to find plus when there are left over boxes at the end of distribution it is easier to give those boxes to students.
  - ACTION: Work with facilities to provide more signage and use volunteers to help calm traffic crossing this area. Nancy said she would reach out to public safety for more details.

### **Thanksgiving Shares**

- The dates for Thanksgiving food share distribution are November 24 (FIC) and November 25 (TTC). Students can only choose one date for distribution and if a student signs up for both dates, they will be notified and asked which date works best for them. Each date will have a 100-box maximum.
- Rosie has ordered the chickens from Willowbrook Farm which is located in Cassopolis, MI.
  - o ACTION: Hristina will determine what other items will be ordered for these boxes.
- It was suggested to ask students to provide some Thanksgiving recipes for the boxes.
  - o ACTION: Robyn will add this information on the recipe sheets in the boxes.

### **Food Share Website**

- The committee acknowledged that the website needs some updates.
  - o ACTION: Terri will look at the website and work with the committee to help determine what needs to be updated.

### **Other:**

- Hristina is working on the annual report to present at an upcoming Admin Plus meeting.
- There is a need to send out a student survey before the end of this semester.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 at 1:00pm

*\*The November 11, 2025 meeting was cancelled due to many committee members having other obligations.*

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00pm

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Respectively submitted by: Terri McDonald

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