

Food Share Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 9, 2025
Virtual

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

Members Absent: Isaac Turner, Amy Brandt (sabbatical), Andrew Young, Sheila Baiers, Keith Kroll, Andrew Young, Rebecca Durkee

Others Present: Terri McDonald

Call to Order: Hristina Petrovska called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

Minutes approved from the October 14, 2025 meeting.

- The Big Chill Jan. 13 AWH and Jan. 14th TTC 11 am - 2 pm
 - Ike volunteered to ride the smoothie bike at both locations.
 - Valerie volunteered at AWH 11 - 12:30
 - Hristinia will fill out the form for the Big Chill event and request a table next to the Fitness Center.
 - Robyn will take supplies to TTC.
 - Hristina will reach out to new member Rebecca to help at TTC. Check with Andrew Y. to see about his availability to help at TTC.
 - Rosie and Hristina will coordinate supplies, etc

- Update to the Pfizer presentation (Hristina)

An email was received from an employee at Pfizer about doing a presentation for the food share program. The employee wanted to learn more about this program as part of a lunch & learn at Pfizer. The employee had a positive experience with their son when he was a student at KVCC. Twelve people from the materials management team attended the presentation. It opened a conversation about food insecurity within the team about their experiences when in college. Pfizer has a generous employee program to support local organizations financially. Based on the number of employees who attended this event a donation was made to KV Foundation targeted to Food Share plus some employees who attended added donations.

It was noted that the employees student who was noted above might be someone to highlight as an alumni and how Food Share impacted their educational journey.

- TTC Coverage (Nancy)
 - Coverage while Nancy is out during January. The following people can be available, Carol, F, Lisa P, Robyn S., Chris W., Amy B., etc.

- Waitlist
 - There will be a wait list when there are over 100 students signed up for food share starting for the winter semester.
 - Give waitlist students information about the KV Circle Center.

- Budget/Grants (Hristina)
 - The LFPA grant is winding down and will go into part of the upcoming semester. There may be some money left after all of the partners close out their account allotment of funds. Food share will be the final customer of the dollars left. Then start spending down from the Okun grant.
 - Decisions might need to be made about bread, meat, & eggs every week. Money spent going towards basics.
 - Hristinia will reach out to Erin D. for the document.

- Communication to students; Should this message be re-written?
 - Valley Food Share is an initiative designed to meet the immediate food needs of Kalamazoo Valley students. Through the program, currently enrolled students can pick up a bag, or a "share" which includes food grown locally and sourced through our own Food Innovation Center as well as nonperishable items from Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, to take home.
 - Valley Food Share distribution is currently a drive-thru service alternating between the Food Innovation Center and the Texas Township Campus. If you are interested in picking up a share on [Thursday, 11/14/25](#) between 2 - 4 p.m. from the Food Innovation Center please click [HERE](#), select "Register for the Food Share," log in and complete the event registration form by midnight on Sunday, [11/10/25](#) which will let you select a pick-up time.

- If you register for a share and are unable to pick it up, please email foodshare@kvcc.edu or call 269.488.4620 before 4 p.m. on Thursday, so that it can be given to someone else.
 - **Please note, if you register, do not pick up your share and fail to notify us three times, you will be blocked from registering for the Valley Food Share until you meet with Nkenge Bergan, associate vice president for Student Development Services, to discuss your situation.**
 - If you have any questions, please email foodshare@kvcc.edu or call 269.488.4620.
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- Handouts
 - Updating locations for students to access food.
 - Updates to website
 - Amy B. will be tasked with updating the web page along with updates for committee members.
 - Volunteer list for Winter semester
 - Robyn is managing the volunteer sign up information.
 - Moving distribution site for Winter at TTC
 - No updates for changing the distribution location at TTC. Will continue with the current system until given more official details.

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

Respectively submitted by: Terri McDonald

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 1:00pm (ZOOM)

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