

To: Food Share
From: Robyn Schieber
Subject: Minutes of February 16, 2022

Present: Sherry Weber, Valerie Jones, Amy Brandt, Nathan Rickey, Rosie Florian, Hristina Petrovska, Erin Dominianni and Robyn Schieber

Not present: Robert Post, Coty Dunten, Melody Woods

Checkin:

Rosie reported that the hub is in cleaning mode. Gearing up for upcoming grants that we are working on.

Hristina,

Updated on the 2 new positions at the FIC Delia Baker, Garden Education Program Coordinator, Crystal VanPelt, Food Systems Educator.

Reminder about the Foodways Symposium. April 5 - 9 evening virtual sessions. April 9 is the in-person Symposium.

Hristina is adding information about the product in the boxes along with a recipe.

Sherry,

Keeping up with Dr. Washington's calendar.

Amy,

Things are getting busier in the library. Amy has finished up promoting Reading for Fun. This is a video series for fun reading. She asked that we recommend a resource for students.

Nathan,

All is well.

Erin,

18 students registered for the new Cannabis classes. New signage has been delivered for Food Share to Nathan.

Valerie,

Things are going well with students.

Updates:

Donor Appreciation

To acknowledge Food Share volunteers in the Newsletter at the end of each semester. List of donors are in "G" drive. We will also be sending personal thank you notes to donors at the end of each semester.

We now have a phone number for Valley Food Share. Phone number is 269.488.4620. The password for the phone message system is 3663 (Food).

Voice mail goes to the Valley Food share email and each of the committee members has access to the messages. Once you answer the messages please move the answered phone message to the old responses to winter.

Grants:

Hristina, new grant through the Department of Education to purchase and distribute food to people who are unserved. This could include Valley Food Share, Meals on Wheels, rural areas. The grant includes money for equipment and labor to pack extra boxes as well as purchasing from local farmers and food distributors.

Rachel will be meeting with us soon to go over the grant in more detail in the near future.

Rosie informed us that we were chosen to be added to this grant with MDE.

We would be working with other Food Hubs, such as Sprout in Battle Creek,

Robyn will be looking at the calendar when Rachel informs her of a date to meet to discuss this.

School Closing protocol for Food Share:

School closing updates put on the website. (inclement weather)

Proposing to move this week's distribution to next week at both locations.

Erin will be sending out an email to students that we are canceling this week's Food Share.

Moving forward we will have a better plan about canceling Food Share distribution.

Sherry will speak with Dr. Washington about canceling Food Share and the protocol for canceling Food Share during inclement weather for future.

Erin will get with Evan about the sign-up for next week to include both locations.

Erin is going to send the committee members a draft of the email about canceling Food Share to each of us to look over. Please respond to her by 4 with any suggestions or changes needed.

Distribution Needs:

How do we meet the needs of the students in the future. Suggested to include in the boxes with the recipes the resources for other ways to help the students with options for food and other needs

Amy reminded us about the lib guide resources for other food resources

Next meeting is on: March 22, 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83975884450?pwd=aU1rTm5jMklscXFYZklyZkxCSVNYUT09>

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