

To: Food Share  
From: Robyn Schieber  
Subject: Minutes of: May 16th, 2023

Present: Nancy Y., Amy B., Erin D, Robyn S., Renea P., Nathan R., Hristina P, Dietetic Intern:  
GVSU Intern Amanda B, WMU Interns: Madelyn C, Rita M, Sophia S,

Absent: Rosie F, Shelia B, Valerie O, Levi F

#### FIC distribution

Jim Ratliff has pointed out that the distribution at the FIC is an issue with the parking and classes going on. We are looking at changing the drive thru process at the FIC. Going forward we are going to setup the distribution by the hoop house on the south end of the parking lot. Students will drive in the first (north) drive to the south end of the parking lot to receive their share. They will then exit out the south entrance. We will be putting out more directional signs during distribution.

#### Valley Advantage:

Erin informed us of a new program called the Valley Advantage to combat learning loss during COVID. It is a paid program and students will be paid to come to class along with many other advantages. They have asked that we supply the students with a Food Share box each week the classes are in session. They will have two sessions running 6 weeks July 10<sup>th</sup> thru July 28 (TTC) and July 31 thru August 17<sup>th</sup> (AWH). There will be two classes during each session with 24 students in each. We will need to work out the logistics of delivery. We may be able to have facilities to assist with delivery of the shares. We are asking Billy Reynolds and Louis Thomas to attend our next meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, to work out the details to supply the Food Share boxes.

#### Grants:

We have officially received the LFPA grant. This grant will allow us to purchase more food from local growers and other food that is made in Michigan. This grant will allow us to use the Okun grant if possible for other purchases for the Food Share boxes. Such as equipment, other food items such as spices, and specialty items. Erin is going to check the Okun grant to see what the possibilities of using the grant for other types of purchases.

#### Other:

We have several slots that are not filled for distribution volunteers. Erin is going to put it in the Friday Focus that we have several time slots open for volunteers.

Erin will work on setting the dates for Fall 23 and Winter 24. We will start the Fall semester distribution on September 14<sup>th</sup> at TTC. Erin or Nancy will send us the date cards for summer in interoffice mail.

Kudos:

Amy thanked Erin for the blurb she put in about Food Share in the canvas notes to faculty. Erin said she also put it in the June canvas notes to faculty as well.

Survey:

The survey is complete and is in the google drive. See below for the link to the survey for Winter 23.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1uFWZx1Rzyq0Rt9eR38V7qnLBnbA4GzDY>

One of the outcomes from the survey was the need for more recipes for leftover fresh foods.

Amy asked about putting a QR code on the recipes that are provided in the Food Shares weekly.

The QR code would provide a link to more recipes and storage ideas for fresh foods.

The survey is set to run the 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> week sign-up of each semester.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50. Next meeting is June 20th