

To: Food Share  
From: Robyn Schieber  
Subject: Minutes of: June 20th, 2023

Present: Hristina P, Erin, D., Billy R, Louis T, Renea P,

Absent: Rosie F, Shelia B, Valerie O, Levi F, Nathan R, Nancy Y, Amy B.

Agenda:

Valley Advantage Program

Welcome Billy and Louis.

Billy and Louis explained the Valley Advantage program which is a Michigan educational initiative for first time at college students. This is a summer bridge for students that have recently graduated high school or have a GED. The program is designed to provide the basic supplies to these students, laptops, internet, transportation cost. You can read more about Valley Advantage at [kvcc.edu/valleyadvantage/](http://kvcc.edu/valleyadvantage/).

The sessions for the program are every weekday for 2-three week sessions and consist of a 2 classes per session. The first sessions are going to start on July 10 – July 27<sup>th</sup> at TTC. The second session will begin on July 31 – August 17 at AWH. We are going to support each student in the Valley Advantage class with a Food Share box weekly. The goal to this is to create an assignment/activity that includes the food share box in the assignment.

How can we work a food share activity into the program? Hristina is going to work on some ideas for learning objectives. She will work with Louis and Billy before the first class meets. Billy is going to be making a caramel cake that will be linked to an assignment of an essay by Maya Angelou.

Hristina spoke about resiliency in the food system and how the grant not only will help students as well as our farmers. She also spoke about how we can provide education about the products grown in Michigan.

Students in the valley advantage will be required to provide us with their zip code and household size for our grant reporting purposes.

Distribution is a logistical problem to work out. Louis and Billy will work with Nathan in receiving to see if they will be able to pick up the 48 boxes to deliver to TTC. They will ask Sherry with Aramark to store the shares for the afternoon distribution. For the second session we may need to have two different pick-up and delivery times for AWH.

Billy will have an update to us before late afternoon next Wednesday on the storing and distribution of the shares.

Hristina suggested that at the end of the class we may be able to get testimonies from the students about what they liked from the Food Share boxes.

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