

Food Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2019

Start time: 6:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Jeannine, Keith, Juli, Kentu, Jon, Emmy, Lisa, Jack, Chaone, Seth, Sara, Pat, and Eric.

1. Introductions

The group introduced themselves, as there were new members and a visitor attending the meeting.

2. Lisa Mosca, the new director of Food Moxie, presented regarding the organization

- a. Handouts were distributed summarizing Food Moxie's purpose and programming. In general, Food Moxie focuses on educating and inspiring people to grow and eat healthy food. The group advances these goals through a variety of programs targeting several different underserved populations. Information can be found at <http://www.foodmoxie.org/>. Questions can additionally be emailed to lisa@foodmoxie.org.

2. Jeannine presented regarding the Saul Country Fair.

- a. The Saul Country Fair will be held on May 11th.
- b. Jeannine would like to have shifts staffed by FJC members to represent the committee. Shifts will be posted on the WW working members website.

3. Jon presented regarding the FJC summer food drive.

- a. The food drive will be held at all three WW stores from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday May 31st, Saturday June 1st, and Sunday June 2nd. Donations will also be collected at the WW Farm Market from noon to 7 p.m. on Friday May 31st.
- b. Jon outlined the need for site coordinators at each store and the farm market on each day that food is collected. The site coordinators will be responsible for setting up tables, chairs, boxes, signage, etc. at the start of the day, and packing it up at the end of the day. Different volunteers can be coordinators at the start of the day vs. the end of the day.
- c. Jon passed around sign-up sheets to give FJC meeting attendees an opportunity to volunteer. The sign-up schedule will be forwarded to the remainder of the FJC in the next week and, afterward, to Kirsten to be posted to the WW working members website.
- d. An article is in process for the Shuttle. The posted deadline for submissions is April 10th.
- e. Donations collected at the Ambler store will be routed directly to the Mattie N. Dixon Food Pantry, but questions remain about where to store and sort food from the other three donation sites during the food drive. A FJC member has volunteered use of their father's living room, but Jon has

concerns about storing (potentially) more than 3000 pounds of food in a structure not designed to handle that amount of weight. One other option is to contact Summit Church for space. Eric indicated that Rev. Cheryl Pyrch would be a good point of contact. Jon will follow up.

4. Eric and Sara presented regarding the FFA expansion.
 - a. Jon Roesser has indicated that management would consider doubling the FFA discount if 400 working members (households?) were to opt out of receiving their working members' discount.
 - b. The cost of the FFA program has increased since last year. Eric indicated that the "400" number takes into account an anticipated increase in cost due to increased FFA usage in the coming year.
 - c. The FFA task force plans to send out a survey to introduce the top-it-off and opt-out options to WW members. Sara has been in contact with Kirsten regarding the survey, and indicated that Kirsten was concerned that the FFA survey might not receive a large number of responses due to the number of surveys and volunteering currently occurring. There also appear to be logistical concerns.
 - d. Sara is paring down / streamlining the FJC FFA survey so it can potentially be included in the general membership survey planned for May or June.
 - e. There was discussion about a planned series of articles in the Shuttle. The original hope was to feature particular FFA participants, but this raises privacy concerns. Instead, the articles may focus on short quotes from people interested in the FFA expansion (potentially both FFA members and non-FFA WW members).
 - f. There will be a meeting on April 10th to discuss the FFA expansion further.
5. General announcements.
 - a. Jack reminded everyone of the need to stay on top of both local and national FJC-relevant news.
 - b. Pat indicated that the General Assistance (GA), cash assistance at the state level, is under threat of being eliminated or the funds diverted but there is a growing campaign to save GA which was just reinstated in 2018. People are urged to ask their state reps to vote against HB 33. She asked whether being qualified for general assistance would likewise qualify someone for FFA. This possibility was briefly discussed at the Town Hall meeting.
 - c. Sara reminded everyone about the WW board elections, and indicated that she is running for a position on the WW board. She encouraged everyone to read the candidate biographies in the upcoming Shuttle.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.