

Food Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2018

In Attendance: Eric, Norman, Jeannine, Seth, Kentu, Alexis, Flo, Jack, Jon, Denise, Megan, Cait, Seth.

1. Approval of September meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved.

2. Announcements

Announcements were incorporated into the rest of the meeting, and were not a single separate topic of discussion.

3. General discussion, led by Eric.

a. Eric summarized the last meeting at the WW Farm / Henry Got Crops.

One specific topic of interest at that meeting was formation of a task force / subcommittee focused on improving the food-for-all program at WW. The task force met on Sept 25, and is currently attempting to define their focus and scope. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on October 22, at Nexus.

One particular idea raised by the task force is an "affordable dinner program" modeled after a "\$20 dinners" program at a nearby store. There was some discussion about recipes, and questions about how to integrate the idea with the three WW stores, including the \$4 dinner program at the Ambler store. Jon mentioned a cookbook called "Good and Cheap" by Leanne Brown. The cookbook is specifically designed around the idea of a low-cost, healthy diet costing approximately \$4 per person per day.

Jeannine, Cait and Jon volunteered to make dishes of their choosing that meet the "affordable dinner" < \$20 / 4 people guideline for the next FJC meeting.

Eric is seeking volunteers, as well as suggestions for the name of the program.

b. There was some discussion of the importance of registering to vote, and of voting. The registration deadline is the Thursday after the October FJC meeting.

c. The UUH is sponsoring a holiday food drive, and is seeking sites where they can locate their food collection boxes. The relevant information is in the attached handout, brought to the FJC meeting by Jack.

- d. Eric raised the possibility of getting a group together to do produce rescue through Philabundance this fall. Produce rescue would most likely occur on a Friday between 8:30 and 12:30.
- e. Various FJC members inquired about the status of the lay-of-the-land project. Some liaisons have been very active with the groups they signed up to interact with, other liaisons have been less active. Lay-of-the-land liaisons are encouraged to contact Mimi about their experience prior to the November meeting, at which there may be further discussion of the current status of the lay-of-the-land project.
- f. There was brief discussion of the federal government's large influx of food to food pantries across the country. Jack will ask Mimi to re-send the article she sent out about this topic, for potential discussion at the November FJC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.