

Food Justice Committee Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018

In Attendance:

Caitlyn Ashton, Brittany Barbato (chair), Howard Bilofsky, Eric Borgstrom, Joan Brookshire, Amelia Duffy-Tumasz, Louise Emerick, Flo Gelo, Paul Glover, Mimi Kahn, Jeannine Kienzle, Seth Lerman, David Loeb, Jack Malinowski, Catherine Martin, Denise Mathuthu, Rachel Milenbach, Christina Moresi, Jon Scaffidi, Edwin Segal, Mary Segal, Tamara Sepe, Larry Shaeffer, Lauren Todd, Shaline Webb, Norman Weiss

1. Approval of December 2017 minutes

The minutes were approved.

2. Election Results (Mimi, Joan)

Joan gathered the nominations via email by the January 2 deadline. Mimi then contacted the nominees to see if they were willing to accept the nomination. Several nominees said that time constraints in their lives prevented them from accepting. Prior to the vote a few questions were raised about the positions. 1) How long was a term? We decided the term would be for one calendar year. We will have elections again next January. 2) How much flexibility is there in stepping in or out of a position? We will be flexible so that during the year people could step down if need be and others could step in. The co-chair position is still vacant and someone might want to take that on in the near future.

After a brief discussion, which resulted in a slight tweaking of the slate, a vote was taken on whether to accept the slate. The vote was unanimous and the following was announced.

Chair – Brittany Barbato

Co-chair – still open

Administrator – Mimi Kahn

Project Coordinator – Catherine Martin

Education Coordinator – Joan Brookshire

Amelia Duffy-Tumasz and Christine Moresi will offer support as needed

Co-op Outreach Coordinator – Amelia Duffy-Tumasz

3. Philly Foodscape Updates

Lauren, who is the liaison person for Food Connect (<http://www.foodconnectgroup.com/>), shared information about how she was able to connect surplus food to people in need by using the Food Connect app. When the Mt. Airy Co-op was about to dump 30 baguettes recently she intervened. She connected with a driver who came to pick up the baguettes and take them to the Share warehouse. When using the app you request the vehicle type (i.e. a van, a truck, or a car) and you have to meet the person picking up the food. Anyone can volunteer to be a driver, much like Uber or Lyft. Lauren will continue to work with the

WW Co-op to make sure that leftover food is not wasted. We discussed the possibility of Lauren writing a Shuttle article about the Food Connect app.

Seth mentioned that he was having a hard time hearing back from his three organizations (FPAC Advisory Council, Farm to Families, and Norris Square Neighborhood Project). Committee members offered to provide advice after the meeting.

4. Other Business

Howard – FPAC will give a “Hunger 101” presentation for city council members at their February 8, 2018 meeting. One or two FJC members are welcome to attend. Details about the time and location will be provided as soon as these are known.

Larry – The task force (Larry, Rachel, Scott and Seth) will move forward soon with the idea about Chinese take-out places that are willing to sell fresh vegetables at low cost to anyone who wants them.

Rachel – After meeting with Jon Roesser about her idea to have people on SSI and SSDI, as well as veterans, be eligible for the WW’s Food for All program, Jon’s response was “Why not?” The result would be that these people could then receive a 10% discount at the Co-op and have a \$5 membership rate rather than the usual \$30. Eric mentioned that perhaps others (such as a church group) could raise the \$5 membership fee for them. Rachel will follow up on the email chain with Jon/Bettina and others to make sure this keeps moving forward.

5. Communications Team (CT) update (Louise)

The Communications Team continues to work with Paul Weinstein, who is creating a ghost page for the FJC on the main Co-op website. Louise will send it around for feedback. In response to a discussion about how best to highlight Philly Foodscape on the page, Caitlyn suggested that we spotlight one organization at a time. Others thought this was a great idea but that it may be better for Facebook.

6. “What makes you feel safe in a space?”

Members wrote their responses to this question on a large paper banner that will be shared and discussed in more detail at the next meeting. This is part of our ongoing inclusivity discussion and effort.

Following the business meeting, we enjoyed a social hour with snacks provided by the co-op and desserts provided by several FJC members.

NEXT MEETING

Wed, February 7, 2018, 6-7:30 PM

Location TBD