

Food System Council

Date: Jan 3, 2019	Location: WSU Extension Heritage Farm	Recorded by: Ann Foster	
Time: 4:00 – 6:00pm	Meeting chaired by: Ann Foster	Minutes Reviewed by: Council	

Present: Ann Foster, Holly Hansen, George Brereton, Sandy Brown, Doug Stienbarger, Heather Tischbein, Justin O’Dea, Jordan Boldt,
Technical Advisors: Yasmina and Rachel Berryman
Absent: Jason Kuepfer, Evan Gregoire
Guests: Judith Wait, Kyle Nichols

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Follow-up
Meeting Minute Approval	November 2018 Minutes presented for approval.	Heather moved and Holly 2 nd to accept the minutes. PASSED	
Calendar of Events:	<p>Review of past events: <u>Rucklehause Road Map event:</u> Heather, Doug, Ann and Jude attended. Task of the meeting was to get input and information on the growth management act. Rucklehous center will collect information from all counties in Washington and create a report for the legislature in June. FSC group felt the information and questions were predictable. Clark County had the largest participation of all counties in the state.</p> <p><u>Legislative Training:</u> Sponsored by Future wise. Holly and Ann attended. About 30 people attended. Nuts and bolts about how to work with legislators, how to communicate and how to word things. The session was recorded so hopefully can share that link with others to watch. Well worth the time.</p> <p><u>Hello Vancouver:</u> Held on December 5th. One segment featured the local food movement in Vancouver. Brought attention to the movement and what is happening in the area. Good show.</p>		

<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: <u>Alliance for Community Engagement</u> - Linda Garcia will be leading this event on organizing state to state public policy land use planning topics.</p> <p><u>Elections:</u> Ann submitted a proposed slate of officers. They included President Kristine Perry, Vice President Holly Hansen, Secretary Sandy Brown, Treasurer George Brereton. Upon voting members can choose to add write in's if they wish. Member voted via written ballots. Slate was voted in.</p> <p>Transition to the new set of officers will be at the February meeting.</p> <p>Jordan moved and Heather 2nd that the set of 2019 officers will be Kristine Perry, President of the FSC re-elected officers are Holly Hansen, Vice President, Sandy Brown, Secretary and George Brereton as Treasure. All of the officers will have signature authority on the bank account. Noting that Kristine Perry will replace Ann Foster and all other officers remain the same. Passed by the membership.</p> <p><u>Membership:</u> Sandy indicated that we need to begin to recruit some new members for 2019. She would like a committee to assist with this task. Heather and Holly agreed to help.</p> <p><u>2019 Meeting Dates:</u> It was discussed about moving the meetings to Thursday to accommodate Kristine and Jason as they cannot attend on Wednesdays. Members agreed to Thursdays but discussed which Thursday of the month. The First Thursday is a problem for Doug and George. The room is available the 3rd and 4th Thursdays. Ann suggested that we hold our next meeting on the first Thursday and that the new board determine the meeting date moving forward.</p>		
<p>FSC Project Updates:</p>	<p><u>Food Forum:</u> Clark College in partnership with FSC will be holding a second Food Forum in February 22, 2019. Base committee is Heather, Holly, Kathy, Ann. A draft agenda was passed out. The morning session will be a key note speaker and Ted Talks. Afternoon sessions will be</p>		

<p>Visitor Updates:</p>	<p><u>Jude Wait grant proposal:</u> Jude is working with Was tilth and Human Link foundation to develop a grant proposal for producers and farmers. She is hoping to develop a partnership with farms to develop a marketing model that will help them plan and sell additional produce. It is a bit of a CSA model and Farm Bucks project. People will buy Farm Bucks upfront to be used with the partner farmers to purchase produce at a later time of the year. Farmers will make a commitment to those consumers and consumers will know where they can go to the farm to purchase produce. The grant is due in 10 days. If funded, it will begin in March and project must be completed in 9 months. Coyote Ridge Farm will be the lead farm on the grant but to include other farmers</p> <p>Jude is asking for a letter of support from the FSC. FSC asked that they all be sent via email the proposal and that each member will send their vote to Ann regarding their support to send a letter. Due date for that vote to Ann in January 10th.</p> <p><u>Kyle Nickels (Nicks Acres):</u> Kyle attended to learn more about the FSC and our mission. He has farmed since 1974 and grows fruit on 5 acres in the Meadow Glade/Battleground area. . He has a lot of fruit that goes to waste due to the U-pick operation. He plans on keeping the U-Pick, but is interested in some sort of cooperative to take the excess produce left on the vines to offer for sale. He has a long-term vision that produce can be purchased directly from the cooperative, even maybe have a crew of volunteers (or paid) to pick and/or transport produce from farm to cooperative. He is just trying to get the idea out to farmers and have discussions about his idea. He also has equipment that other farmers may not have and visa versa that an equipment share program may be considered. Kyle’s contact info: kylenickels@gmail.com</p> <p>Next Meeting Thursday, February 7, 2019 Heritage Farm, 4-6pm</p>		
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