

SLO County Food System Coalition Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2013; 4:00 – 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Carl Hansen, Linda McClure, Kathleen Karle, Bryan Brown, Jenna Smith, Christine Nelson, Jeanine Lacore, Adria Arko, Montgomery Norton, Terri Knowlton, Shana Paulson, Greg Ellis, Stephanie Teaford, Jackie Crabb, Jen Miller, Andrea Chavez, Teresa Lees, David Schmit

Announcements:

- Teresa Lees – The School Garden Showcase will be held November 9th at the UCCE Auditorium and Master Gardener Demo Garden in San Luis Obispo from 10am to 2pm. Please RSVP by Nov. 8th.
- Montgomery Norton – The Paso Food Co-op has won a highly competitive seed grant from the Food Co-op Initiative, allotting them \$10,000 in matching funds to further develop its member-owned grocery store and community center
- Jen Miller – New program manager for GleanSLO

Presentation by Andrea Chavez, Manager for Fresh Harvest CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)

- Andrea Chavez gave a presentation about Talley Farms CSA, *Fresh Harvest*. She discussed the process of developing Talley Farms' CSA and how *Farmigo* (a CSA software) was a vital instrument in developing and growing *Fresh Harvest*.
- She also emphasized the benefits of joining a CSA such as: receiving local and seasonal produce; supporting local farmers and agriculture; pouring back into the local economy; and enjoying the fresh taste of local produce. For more information, questions and if interested in joining *Fresh Harvest* CSA, please visit Talley Farms Fresh Harvest website: <http://talleyfarmfreshharvest.com/>.

Election of New Administrative Committee Members

- Kathleen Karle (Public Health) from the Administrative Committee announced the recruitment of two new members for the 2012-2015 Administrative Committee: Linda McClure, Program Director of WIC, and Jackie Crab to replace Kathleen Karle and Carl Hansen, since their term has ended.

Working Group Updates:

- **Paradox of Plenty Working Group:** Carl Hansen (Food Bank) distributed the Paradox of Plenty Plan (P of P plan) so that agencies could update their progress and encouraged them to see if their future goals aligned with the P of P plan goals and objectives. Carl also announced that the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County oversees a 28 acre orchard of apples in See Canyon, which follows under one of the P of P plans objectives.
- **Food Systems Assessment Group:** The food system assessment report will be fully formatted by October 1, 2013. Stephanie Teaford and Karen Aydelott met to identify the overlap between the Paradox of Plenty plan (anti-hunger plan) and the food system assessment report to help identify gaps within SLO county's food system.

- **Advocacy and Education Working Group:** Christine Nelson (UC Cooperative Extension) announced that Adria Arko wrote a press release for the SLO County's Food System Coalition. The advocacy and education working group will be contacting local newspapers and magazines to submit the FSC press release.

Bills and Legislation Discussion:

- Adria Arko and Jenna Smith from Central Coast Grown, led the discussion on the Legislative Report Card for the California Food Policy Council. Members of the coalition shared their opinions about specific bills and then reviewed the bill summaries before voting. After discussing the five bills, the members then voted for the bills (AB 60, SB168, AB 191, AB 224, AB 551), whether they were in support, against or abstained from voting.

Community Food Project USDA Grant Announcement:

- Carl Hansen (Food Bank) announced that the funding for the Community Food Project (CFP) grant has been received. He also announced that the FSC will be hiring an administrative assistant to help the coalition and the administrative committee with administrative duties, as well as recognized Jen Miller for being the new program manager for GleanSLO. For further information about the CFP Grant, please contact Carl Hansen, Food Bank.

Website Update:

- Becca Carsel asked the FSC for feedback and ideas on how the coalition and the public can fully utilize the website. Ideas such as: creating a calendar of events, uploading the minutes, agenda's and announcements from pervious FSC meetings, and having resources available for funding opportunities were all items discussed for posting to the website.

Other Items:

- Next Meeting: January 2014