



# Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from August 4, 2020

**Attendance:** Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Nancy Bishop (DHHS), Frank Nagle (ProMedica), Madeline DiMarco (LCMHA), De'Angelo Boon (COR Ministries), JoAnne Baty (SVDP), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1)

## Bread Distribution

- The second distribution went well. Laura reported that we will not receive another donation. Bimbo Bakeries is going to back to donating to Gleaners Food Bank.
- The location was convenient, and we could use it for future events. We need to communicate with New Song Pantry to make sure that we coordinate with their scheduled. The Bread Distribution put a huge burden on them as their pantry hours overlapped the distribution time.

## Trunk or Treat

- We usually start planning this event now. We are going to hold off officially canceling it, but it is doubtful that it will happen this year.

## Virtual Food Drives

- It was suggested that we try help with coordinating or information on how to do virtual Food Drives. Nancy will reach out to Heather Peirce to see if the Food Banks has any written information that may assist with this.

## AGENCY UPDATES

- JoAnne reported that St Vincent de Paul's numbers are still low but that they are coming back up. They are trying to prepare for an increase due to the \$600 reduction in unemployment benefits that individuals receive. The Food Bank has started to offer miscellaneous meat again at \$.19 per pound, they still do not have ground beef. Vickie

Pfeiffer stated that 4 H held an online auction this year. They had good participation. However, they are expecting about a 50% reduction in numbers. This will impact how much meat is donated to the Food Bank.

- MSUE is still offering virtual classes and will continue to do so thru the end of their grant year.
- ProMedica continues to take all needed safety precautions and are following the advice of our local health department. Per Martha Hall if it can be done virtually it should be done virtually. This includes staff interactions. The Veggie Mobile has been done for a couple of weeks, but they hope it is up and running again soon. The breaks went out and they struggled with getting the parts in to fix it. They have also begun discussions on how they can continue to offer the assistance during the winter months.
- COR Ministries, De'Angelo reported that their numbers continue to be consistent. They are also bracing for the impact of the reduction of unemployment pay. They have also noted that participants are reporting that their Food Assistance has been decreased. Nancy will find out if this is a reduction across the board. They have begun to connect with local universities to talk about aiding students that may be food insecure. The goal is to do this in discrete fashion. They are first working with Siena Heights.
- United Way – Laura reported that the UW's annual request for proposals will be open soon. This information will be email out. They also are planning another round of Covid relief funds. Hudson Pantry also reported that their numbers are down. They have changed how they distribute food and they believe that this has had an impact. They no longer allow patroons to enter the pantry.
- Dept on Aging is offering a distribution of Project Fresh Coupons. This will happen tomorrow morning at the Human Services Building.
- HEH is offering Dairy Boxes to the nonprofits this Friday. They are not doing a Gallon Milk Distribution as they can only get a full truck load and it is difficult to distribute all the milk.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
**September 1, 2020@ 1:00PM**  
**ZOOM**

- **Currently we are using ZOOM. There are some that would like to attend but can only do it with a call-in number. I have tried to get this to work and have been unable to offer this. I am not sure if it is because I am using the Free Zoom service. If anyone has any way to assist with this PLEASE let me know.**