



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes from July 5, 2022

Attendance: Vickie Pfeifer (MSU Extension), Pam Byrnes (Daily Bread), Debra Davies (First Presbyterian Tecumseh), Diane Herr (SVDP), Madeline DeMarco (LCCMHA), Gail Dunaway (Holy Family/ St. Mary), Andy Piatt (I92 Ministries)

- Introductions
- Brief discussion on proposed group organization and bylaws document – copies given. Suggestion made to include under PROCEDURES that Decisions will be made by a consensus of attendees, **as well as an opportunity to vote electronically.** Vote will wait until more attendees are available.
- Discussion of Food Hub idea – overview of history of ideas and thoughts. Group agreed to merge the sub-committee meeting with the monthly meeting of full HFL!, and include a standing part of meeting agenda to HUB updates and discussion. The goal of having HFL attendees work as ambassadors of the idea to build energy and awareness within the community, and hopefully uncover potential key stakeholder resources.
- Agency Updates/Emerging Issues
 - Fresh Food Distribution at the Methodist Church in Tecumseh is ending. Food Bank is no longer delivering on Saturdays, so several existing distribution days and times seem to be affected. Vickie will reach out to Heather for an updated list for all county distributions.
 - Several pantries indicated that numbers of clientele are up noticeably in last month, as well as household make-up changing. Multi-generations are moving in together.
 - I92 Ministries gave an overview of their backpack program, as well as the food packs they distribute in Haiti. Their food backpack numbers have quadrupled heading into the summer. The Centralized Food Hub would help this organization with food storage, as well as a facility to do their food packs, and the need for a loading dock-type facility.
 - Pam at Daily Bread is working on a source for milk in the county. She also still has a need for a cook. The Daily Bread will have a fundraiser on October 8 at the Armory.
 - Request for pantries to bring details of operation – days and times to next meeting for an update to our Food Pantry handout.
 - MSU Extension and the Department on Aging is having another Senior Project Fresh Coupon Distribution Day on Friday, July 15. Income and Age eligible clientele should call Jamie at Dept on Aging for an Appointment.
 - Request to consider nominations for HFL! officers for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for:
August 2, 2022 @1:00PM at the