

MEETING MINUTES:

Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022; Taken by Hannah Dosen (UI Extension)

12-1 pm Zoom meeting facilitated by UI Extension Office, Driggs, ID

Meeting Minutes

Introductions

Host: Jennifer Werlin

Attendees: Ruth Ellis, Rob Sgroi (Teton County WY), Sue Heffron (food pantry), Matthew Bisk (UWyo), Hannah Dosen, Andrea Swedberg (food for good), Julia Scheller, Tia Cameron, Tammy Sachse, Tia Cameron, Blake Funston, Giovanna Wallis, Hallie Poirier, Mari Allan Hanna

Updates

Sue Heffron and Andrea Swedberg

- Food pantry update: happy with new location, focus on fresh fruits and vegetables. Aug 7 golf tournament at Tributary, annual fundraiser.
- Food for good vs. food pantry: Food for good is keeping food from going to landfill unnecessarily, not need based. Whereas food pantry is need driven.

Hallie Porter

- Fairgrounds Community Garden: Grant written for garden. 10 total plots. Earth day service day on 4/21. Donating fruits and vegetables to food pantry.
 - Fair Board: Fair is Aug 5-13, theme Trail and Tails on Teton Valley, 1800s representation.
 - Teton County ID Soil Conservation District Farm tour
 - State of Agriculture meeting, Farm Bureau open house. At Fairgrounds
- Mari Allan Hanna
- Cooking and farming camp registration. Outdoor kitchen, 5 weeks, new location at Calico restaurant
 - Wrapping up spring classes
 - Sales through winter, sellers still have items
 - People's market starts June 1st

Rob Sgroi

- Teton County Conservation District WY
- Long range plan: land (agriculture), retaining livestock production, improve irrigation, improve communication, home scale gardening enhancement
- Meat processing facility access
- Supporting activities in local food communities
- Mountain Root Education and Slow Food partnership
- Working with stakeholders to construct high tunnels without building permit
- Recommend Urban Agriculture meeting with vertical harvest

Matthew Bisk

- Continuing work on local food system
- Food policy council for community
 - Exist outside of government but connection with elected officials
 - Stakeholders from different aspects of the production process
 - Working with Slow food and Teton Food and Farm coalition

Jennifer Werlin

- Beginner Farmer Rancher grant, partnership with Dusty Hounds Farms
- Community garden classes and Master Gardener involvement
- 4H expanded with Health and Welfare grant, expanded programs and high enrollment numbers
- Poultry workshop, May 7 at Dusty Hounds Farms
- May 21st, City of Driggs Arbor Day celebration, installing pollinator garden at Driggs elementary