

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY LOCAL FOODS POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 10, 2014,
BROOKENS CENTER, 1776 E. WASHINGTON ST. URBANA, IL
JENNIFER PUTMAN ROOM

PRESENT: Patti Petrie; Rebecca Roach; Cathe Capel; Mary Ellen Farrell; Steve Herriott; Tod Satterthwaite; Zach Kennedy

1. Call to Order—5:45pm
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes—Minutes of 11/12/14 approved
4. Public Participation—We awaited Janet Morford [teacher at Uni working on a local foods project]. She failed to arrive. Zach will invite her to next meeting.
5. Ongoing Updates
 - a. Chanute Fields update—Brad not present
 - b. Dining Services/local food report—Chris not present
 - c. Farmer Survey—Reformatted version now complete. Becky agrees to hand four out as a pilot to see the reactions/answers. Completed [print] forms to go to Zach.
 - d. School Food Service Outreach—Still exploring the options of working [getting local food into the school] with any town (Urbana, Champaign, Mahomet). Brad was going to talk to regional Supervisors. What about private schools? We could put those on the list to contact: St. Thomas More; Judah; Countryside; Next Generation; St. John's; St. Matthews; Holy Cross; Canaan Academy; Montessori Habitat.
6. New Business
 - a. Blue Moon Farm/Carle Food Service—Becky relates that Blue Moon is interested in getting their produce into Carle Food Service. LFPC should be pro-active in developing outlets between farmers and larger unit food users. Look for a contact [Dr. Knight on Prosperity Gardens board]. Sola Gratia has received interest from Clarke-Lindsey and Windsor. Perhaps other types of outlets might

be easier than schools in which to get a toe-hold. Maybe the Eden [Assisted Living] Center in downtown Champaign?

7. Legislative Update

8. Announcements

- a. Happy Hour at Sola Gratia on 12/12 5:30-7:30pm at Blind Pig
- b. Tod and Pattsi attended the Bloomington Farmer's meeting at Heartland Community College last month. Heard speakers and attended break out sessions. Issues centered on larger scale marketing and produce handling/storage after harvest. Lots of networking going on.
- c. Prosperity Gardens working on getting the Champaign Evidence Building for their purposes. There are building problems [mold remediation], etc. Still in process.
- d. YMCA on campus will have a series of programs on local food starting in the Spring Semester. Tod will find out when they start.
- e. Pattsi will work to facilitate in any way possible [in her new position as head of the CC Board]. I.e., arranging for guests/speakers.
- f. Enterprise Zone issue seems to contradict the expressed concept of urban infill, as it would encourage sprawl. The agricultural value of acreage should really be determined so that everyone would understand the economic impacts. It would help our arguments in the future. Farm Bureau might be able accomplish the computations and it would be a big help in determining pros/cons, etc.
- g. Next meeting in 1/28/2015.

9. Adjourn—6:50pm