

Howard County FFI meeting Minutes
January 31, 2008
6:00- 8:00 PM
Laura Rose Lobby at the hospital in Cresco

Present: Elaine Govern, Matt Kabliska, Charlie Baier, Joye Meyer, Mary Steen, Ken Paxton, Larry McGee, Hazel Boyle, Manly Bigalk, Merrill Angell, Rose Angell, Rob Hughes, Jan McGovern and Brenda Ranum.

Welcome by Charlie & Matt. A meal was served. People introduced themselves and told why they came tonight. This was a small group due to a number of other events going on in the county at the same time. Charlie then reviewed the NE Iowa FFI vision and goals. Matt talked about what tonight's program would be and introduced the Regional team members.

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A summary of the Regional Food & Fitness Leadership Team Meeting was given by Elaine Govern. Elaine & Rob Hughes explained what the Regional Team is and reviewed key points from their December & January meetings.

Matt reviewed the Webcasts and explained that all the webcasts could be viewed at:
www.iowafoodandfitness.org .

Matt Introduced the Webcast: *"Building A Local Food System Part 1- How Did We Get Here?"* See your agenda for the questions that will be addressed following the webcast.

Brenda Ranum and Charlie lead the discussion following the program. The group had some new people with new ideas.

- What is a local food system? One attendee said, "75 miles and another said, as close as you can get it".
- What is important to you about a local food system and why do you care? We had a very good discussion about local foods and what should come first –production or processing/distribution centers?

Wrap-Up: We thanked everyone for sharing their time and ideas. The February meeting will be February 21, 2008 at the Laura Rose Lobby in the Cresco hospital. Everyone was encouraged to complete their evaluations and postcards. The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.