

NE Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative
Fayette County Planning Team Meeting Minutes
Aug. 20th, 2009 - 4:00, ISU Extension Office, Fayette

Attendees: Donna Story, Joe Organist, Barbara Ashby, Karen Kober, Barb Schoenjahn, Sheryl Struthers, Sue Burrack, Ann Bushman, Maureen Johnson, Karla Organist, Dan Burkhart

1. Reviewed Regional Team Summary and work group reports.
2. Reviewed CAP. Had no questions, had much discussion regarding our fit. The group was encouraged to share the document with others.
3. Discussion regarding Annie's and its permitting nightmares. There was much discussion regarding ways we could possibly help cut through the red tape.
4. Reviewed Organizational Structure and Financial Summary. Discussed the need for a co-convenor at our county level. This person would also be a regional team member. We also need to choose another individual to attend the regional team meetings. Sue and Scot will not be our regional members going forward as they will be attending these meetings in other capacities. Committee members were asked to consider these roles and we will make decisions at the next meeting.
5. Reviewed other documents:
 - School based fitness teams as 4-H clubs – committee members discussed whether youth could be in 2 4-H clubs, according to Dan, this is possible.
 - Regional Youth Leadership Roles and Responsibilities.
 - FFI Youth workgroups
 - Pilot Schools – Criteria for selection. } The group noticed inconsistencies on these docs: Starmont is in Fayette county on one and Clayton on another, Elgin (Valley) is in the same situation.
6. Committee Members shared why they've made a commitment to the FFI planning process:
 - I'm a foodie!
 - 47% of Iowans don't eat enough fruits and vegetables!
 - Concerned about kids and their future.
 - Interested in improving the built environment.
 - Want to see a stronger local food system.
 - Need better nutrition in schools.
 - Want to change the world!
7. Other items:
 - Watch for Dan's final retirement roast coming in January.
 - Trails committee presented to the CAT committee and felt very positive about their presentation.
 - A Great Places Application was submitted for the Turkey River Corridor – a water and land trail from Clermont to Elgin to Elkader.
 - Special "Thanks" were sent out to Ann Bushman by Donna Story for providing her with needed plastic for her greenhouse!
 - Annie's had a good turnout for their summer gardening with kids. Parents have noted an increase in vegetable consumption and the kids loved to garden!
 - Books recommended: "Solviva" by Anna Edey and "Four Season Farm" by Eliot Coleman
 - Keep an eye out for opportunities to hear Mark Fenton when he comes to Northeast Iowa in October.
8. Community Stakeholders list for regional team meeting:
 - School Superintendents: John Rothlisberger, Kathy Molumby...
 - 4-H Leaders
 - Youth Coordinator: Michelle Kelly
 - FFA Instructors: Scott Smalley, Amy Burmeister, Brian Harper
 - School Food Service Directors

Next Meeting September 17th, 2009. 4:00 – 6:00, ISU Extension Office.

Our Vision:

NE Iowa is a unique place where all residents and guests of every age experience, celebrate and promote healthy locally grown food with abundant opportunities for physical activity and play EVERY DAY. Healthier people make stronger families and communities.