

Dane/Jeff facilitate meeting

Theme: collaboration, teaching new members what we have to work on
Also, organization, how to best structure events

Ice Breaker: What do people want to bring to BSFP, what do they have experience with?

Sylvia-leading groups

Joe- music/farming, took care of student farm

Riley-ran own garden/green house experience

Lea- farming, cider, hands-on work

Mariah- photography/text/public action

Alison- professional experience bringing regional sustainable food system to scale

Mary-animal husbandry/gardening

Sarah- food, loves people, nutrition

Cleo- gardening

Olivia- farm work/how small-scale agriculture can provide for people

Jainie-Urban farm/chickens, education on our work

Emily(Costello)- cooking

Angey- urban/organic farm

Brendon- student garden/coop

Dane- SEPC, make collaborations between people's interests

Jeffery- what crops work best with climate/how to better connect farm with campus

Ben- interested in farm and role in community

Nathan- building relationships/talking with administration, working with administration to support our cause

Goal of meeting: making connections between people's interests= collaboration

Make blog more accessible

Map of other student clubs: collaborate with environmental action group...etc.

COOP:

Business that all the shareholders have equal share in work/say in where the coop goes

- many schools have food co-op in which employees are share holder

- member drive, cash equity, sweat equity, weekly meetings

 - +couldn't make final decisions without larger group of people there

 - +gave back money

Campus gives free coffee?

COOP interest: Sarah, Riley, Brendon, Alison, Mariah

Farm Updates:

Squash

Quinoa drying rack, aka grain.

Concert/speaker series (put on calendar-email to put events on)

Farm tour for parent/alumni weekend-need people to man the stand

-cider press signup sheet-

Blog:

3-4 people writing

photography/writing on various events/work parties/contributing to calendar

+wants to add book/movie reviews on sustainability

+suggestion box for the blog of what writers should address

looking to expand/more publicity and organization

Add educational spin to the blog

Dining Services:

Discussed local food

John/David-on the same page

Brian- job in north Bennington at the youth agriculture project

+tutorial center owns farm and work with at risk youth on the farm/do other job training

Brian works as 2nd in command on farm/food hub, takes inventory of food in area-food distributor

Food board in dining hall-food distributor, black river, which they buy food from

What can we expect from the dining hall in going to farms-see what farms have to offer-makes more sense to go through distributor because of taxes and can consolidate

Food Hub, better than black river, give farmers a higher price-good publicity for them because it makes us look more sustainable, if they can afford it

Vermont Migrant Program:

Go to farm for an hour a week and mentoring a child of a migrant farm family, they don't have ability to leave the farm, so outside contact

SEPC:

Write the minutes for coffee hour

+Advertise for cider press

Environmental studies blog

Education modules-informal discussion on a topic, facilitated by professor or expert

Local Meat On Campus?

-form a proposal, ex. Find a local meat farm

Thursday Night Movie Night CAPA 7:00pm

-China and agriculture

Black Walnut Trees (they are edible), difficult process, coexist with blackberries and herbs

Garden Behind Franklin, permaculture, turn into perennial garden

Concert series:

Fridays showcasing an artist out at the farm, getting power out there for show

Having talks and smaller acoustic sessions during work on Sundays

Sat 28th-cider press, 10am-5pm saturday

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