**Cumberland County Food Security Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018, 9:30-11:30am**

**U ME Cooperative Extension Office, 75 Clearwater Drive, Falmouth**

**Attendance**: Jim Hanna, Ali Mediate, Kristina Kalolo, Kayla Jones, Mary Turner, Richard Rudolph, Lily Chaleff, Judy Gatchell (called in)

**501c3 Updates**

* Have EIN but still waiting for Tax ID
* Applied to Sewall Foundation ($21,500) - will require being under a fiscal sponsor (Good Shepherd) until we have our official 501c3 status
* Need to recruit new board members
	+ Minimum 3, maximum 13 board members
* Should purchase our own QuickBooks software
* To be determined: if we will have new requirements for membership, tiers of membership (member vs. advisor)
* We’re working on a survey to determine *how* we work together - meeting structure, communication, etc
* Send out report from our strategic planning process

**Equality, Equity, Justice, Power & Liberation**

* Equality - everyone is treated the same
* Equity - certain individuals/groups are given supports to help provide equal access to the same opportunities
* Justice - removing systemic barriers so that everyone has equal access to the same opportunities
* Resources recommended by Council members:
	+ [AORTA](http://aorta.coop) - Anti-Oppression Resource Training Association
	+ [White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide](https://www.amazon.com/White-Rage-Unspoken-Racial-Divide/dp/1632864126) (book)
	+ [The Poverty Simulation](http://www.povertysimulation.net/about/) (interactive experience)
	+ [Racial Equity Institute trainings](https://www.racialequityinstitute.org/new-events/)
	+ “[The Case for Reparations](https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/)” (article)
	+ [Mano en Mano](https://www.manomaine.org) (organization)
* Reparations, truth and reconciliation group - Jim will send out next meeting date for those interested in attending
* Recommendation to open meetings with acknowledgment of Native land that we are on or explicit recognition of our privileges
* Making the connection between racial inequity and food insecurity
	+ Bay Love hosting ‘Why are People Poor’ session
	+ Bring in USM Food Studies students?
	+ Bring in high school student activists that have gone through Cultivating Community’s program
* Food and Racial Equity Working Group - Jim will send out doodle poll

**Closing the Hunger Gap with Local Food**

* Local food builds strong communities presentation from Community Food Systems Conference (case study with Somali Bantu Community Farming Program)
* Farming and gardening access: vulnerable people producing food
* Farm to institution: access for marginalized communities
* Farm to (Limited Resource) Consumer
	+ Ensuring all farm stands and farmer’s markets are equipped to accept SNAP and WIC
* Farm to Charitable Food System
	+ Gleaning
	+ Supporting farmers in donating their surplus or seconds
* Report
	+ Recommendation that members agree to report at the end of the year on their progress so that this becomes a yearly report

**USM Food Studies Intern: Elliot Lee**

* 10 hours per week

**Glean Hole Suppah**

* Event put on by CCFSC based on ‘Bean Hole Suppah’
* Remind people that local food is available year round
* Planning on early March - Mid April
* Prep and storage available at Fork Food Lab
* Creating group of volunteers to help farmers sort through their storage crops
* Supporting local farmers by promoting those who donate/participate
* Looking to Deering, Westbrook, and Scarborough Granges to hold the event
* “Feeding the 50”