



NFPN Meeting Minutes 9/27/19

Announcements

- **European American Association - Diversity Day on October 4th**
 - Need to borrow tables, chairs
 - Email gardens@eaachicago.org to help
- **US Census 2020**
 - Hiring part-time census workers
 - Have outreach materials to distribute
 - Looking to partner with community organizations
 - Email Saul Garcia at saul.garcia@2020census.gov
- **Greater Chicago Food Depository – Nutrition Education Training for Pantries**
 - 2.5 hour “101” style training sessions
 - Completely free, must RSVP
 - Flyer can be found on [The NFPN Blog](#)
 - Email Nyahne Bergeron at nbergeron@gcfd.org to RSVP
- **Dill Pickle – Now offering LINK Match**
 - Digital flier available upon request
- **Kelly Hall YMCA Community Health/Resource Fair and Food Pantry**
 - When: Saturday, October 5th
 - Time: 7:30 am - 10:00 AM (Set up at 7am)
 - Where: Kelly Hall YMCA, 824 N Hamlin Avenue
 - Attendance: Approx. 200 community members (adults & children)
 - To table, reach out to Holly Manprasio, Community Affairs Program Manager at Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, at htrandel@nm.org

Surveys

- For our Holiday Food/Can Opener Drive, NFPN members should fill out this form to tell us if there's an organization or business we should reach out to: tinyurl.com/nfpnseptemberfood
- If NFPN members couldn't make it to our meeting, they should fill out this quick survey to help NFPN improve and grow: tinyurl.com/nfpnseptember



Presentation: The Self-Assessment Workbook (SAW) Tool

- We learned about and discussed the SAW Tool, a framework for evaluating our network created by the Alliance to End Hunger
- Thoughts:
 - Financial Management adds structure to a network
 - Resource sharing is essential
 - Referring clients between member organizations
 - Sharing events and services
 - Strategic Planning is best done as a group
 - Creates buy-in and a shared sense of ownership

Presentation: NFPN Historical Highlights

- We discussed what has worked and what hasn't worked
- Four main areas:
 - Strategy
 - Strategic Plan 2016 – 2017 focused on Events, Outreach, and Capacity
 - Fundraising/Foodraising
 - Requested specialty food and household items
 - Foodraising has been more successful than fundraising
 - "Eat for a Cause" events were not very lucrative
 - Outreach/Communications
 - Need for more resource sharing between member organizations
 - We all have resources and opportunities which other members aren't aware of
 - We could attend more tabling opportunities
 - Capacity Building
 - Could have workshops/trainings at future meetings or as separate events

Ideas

- Topic: Fundraising, Foodraising, and Item Drives
 - Can Opener Drive
 - Could receive can openers as donations and/or purchase can openers in bulk
 - Could ask Alderman to buy them in bulk
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository could possibly purchase them, too
 - P38 Can Opener



- [\\$0.49 each on Army Surplus World](#)
 - [500 for \\$198 \(or \\$0.396 each\) on Amazon](#)
- Ask local restaurants to have proceeds from an appetizer, cocktail, etc. go to NFPN
- Could receive donations from real estate brokers
- Holiday Food Drive
 - Grocery stores and large organizations very receptive to helping
 - Other potential partners:
 - Hospitals
 - Greek life
- Topic: Communications and Outreach
 - Digital forum on NFPN website or Listserv
 - Could share resources, alerts, events, etc.
 - Family Friendly Events
 - Adults could have fun, children would be cared for
 - Table at more fairs
 - Prepare marketing materials for all NFPN members to use
 - Weekly newsletter sharing member announcements and resources
- Topic: Capacity Building
 - Another retreat
 - Finish revised Strategic Plan

Resources Shared

- [The NowPow Platform](#)'s CommunityRx is a community referral service currently free for community organizations
 - Could use to refer clients between NFPN organizations and to outside organizations
 - Could look into receiving a group training on how to use the service
- Dill Pickle Food Co-op could potentially help provide food, composting to NFPN members
 - Contact Ally Young at ally.young@dillpickle.coop for more info
- Legal Aid Chicago – Free Civil Legal Services
 - Download and print out LAC's outreach flyers from [The NFPN Blog](#)