



NFPN June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 26th 2020, 10AM

- **June 2020 Meeting Google Driver Folder:**
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RpW2WDcEO4sVZOms5KrTEvfgVwf10Q5X?usp=sharing>
- **Resource Reminder**
 - [P-EBT Guide](#)
 - *Deadline extended to July 15th*
 - *Legal Aid Chicago and Illinois Hunger Hotline can provide multilingual help*
 - [Link Online Grocery Ordering Guide](#)
 - [Food Delivery Service Guide](#)
 - [COVID-19 Food Resource Guide](#)
- **Guest Presentations**
 - ***Food Rescue US***
 - Beta testing their food recovery app
 - Would provide NFPN member organizations with training on how to use their app
 - Would provide flyers to help NFPN member organizations recruit volunteers to deliver food rescues
 - Could provide regular/scheduled food rescue deliveries
 - Could coordinate changes in destinations for weekly food deliveries, if something came up and they had to be modified
 - Could help NFPN connect with food businesses to do fundraising
 - NFPN could use the Food Rescue US app to redistribute excess food between member organizations
 - Fluid – use app however it would be most useful for the group
 - Pick up to drop off of food rescues usually takes 30 minutes or less
 - Will have produce boxes available in July and August through the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program
 - Humboldt Park Solidarity Network
 - Has volunteers who could assist
 - The “pop-up” volunteer opportunities presented by working with Food Rescue US are great for their volunteer base
 - Additional questions? Contact Melissa: melissa@foodrescue.us
 - ***University of Illinois Extension Health and Nutrition Program***
 - 30 minute lessons per session to respect families’ time constraints



- Can do whatever format works best: Zoom, Webex, Facetime, etc.
 - English and Spanish options
 - Not judgemental
 - Doesn't tell families how to eat or what to buy
 - Just shares info and advice backed by nutrition and experiences
 - Conversationally based, fun and personal
 - Meeting families at the knowledge and experience they have
 - Participating families must have children under the age of 18 with them
 - Mobile-friendly lessons – very doable via the Zoom app
 - Main focus is parents, since they're feeding their kids
 - Cooking Matters: parents and kids cooking together class
 - Patricia Ceja has 78 families in her network and will email Evelyn
 - Understanding food labels is a big focus of the classes
 - Participants almost always really enjoy the classes and request additional sessions
- **Racial Equity in our Community**
 - Can schedule conversations and trainings outside of monthly meetings
 - Could help other black and POC led organizations get into food justice
 - Could have cross neighborhood fundraising
 - Share knowledge/info and volunteers with BLM organizations and networks
 - Organizations we could contact
 - My Block My Hood My City
 - Block clubs
 - Organizations within the TR4IM network
 - Trauma Response and Intervention Movement
 - Jenny Merritt at The Night Ministry can help connect us with them
 - May have a racial equity specific meeting in July
- **CPS Families and Food Security**
 - Nona and Humboldt Park Solidarity Network are working with Clemente Solidarity Fund
 - There are definitely CPS families in need of support, including non-food support
 - This will be a continuous conversation this summer
- **Experiences with USDA Food Boxes**
 - European American Association received delivery of 80 boxes
 - Went smoothly, has been working
 - Not perfect, but you make it work
 - How do we get boxes?
 - Unpredictable situation
 - Deliveries are hard to coordinate



- Delivery windows often wide
- Cancellations and late deliveries occur
- Humboldt Park Solidarity Network has no permanent location, and using volunteers to receive deliveries has been a challenge
- Marillac scrambling to source produce
 - Just got notification that they wouldn't get boxes for July
 - Need to know what's coming on a monthly basis to make things manageable
 - Figuring out the logistics and equipment necessary to distribute the boxes is tough
- Onward Neighborhood House working with Gourmet Gorilla
 - Had a wonderful experience
 - Boxes were handled quickly and safely
 - GG had the equipment necessary for them to move the food
- **Member Updates, Requests, and News**
 - Lower than usual COVID-19 turnout recently at La Casa Norte's Nutrition Center
 - Paul at Marillac also reports lower than average COVID-19 turnout
 - In August, \$600/month COVID-19 unemployment checks will run out
 - Could lead to increased turnout
 - Mariano's on Chicago Ave provided food grant to European American Association
 - COVID-19 made it hard to use
 - Mariano's listened and helped EAA place special orders
 - Even threw in extra donations
 - Anyone looking for grocery donations should consider asking them for help
 - Cermak Produce always been community oriented
 - Walgreens on North Ave can help with sourcing hand sanitizer (per EAA)
 - EAA got food from Walmart on distribution day via Rod
 - Food delivery for seniors?
 - HP Solidarity Network is doing food delivery for seniors, they take referrals – but they have limits
 - Paul at Marillac is seeing many requests
 - 5-10 requests for senior food delivery per day
 - Requests are throughout the city (incl. Bronzeville, Rogers Park, Uptown, etc.)
 - Don't have enough drivers to meet all the delivery demand
 - Good idea to work with seniors' homecare aides to find food delivery solutions
 - Let HP Solidarity Network know if there are fundraisers they can help with
 - West Humboldt Park Farmers Market now open on Saturdays
 - Dollar market, very affordable fresh food for the community