

E.A.T. Local
Everyone at the Table

2nd meeting
July 19, 2006
5-7pm, Feast!

Lisa Reeder (Café/Produce Manager, Feast!) opened the meeting by providing background on the group, introducing the meeting space, and announcing new happenings in the Feast space. Lisa mentioned local produce tastings are going to be offered during the month of August from 4-6pm. A local food cork board will hang in the galleria space of Feast to inform customers of local food issues and events.

Tanya Denckla Cobb (Senior Associate, Institute for Environmental Negotiation) facilitated the meeting. Participants introduced themselves and their connection/interest in community food. All participants are encouraged to join the listserve.

Rowena Morrel of *In the Kitchen* Magazine will be donating space in the publication for EAT Local news. Jennifer Bedrosian will be reporting for EAT Local and taking notes during meetings.

Progress Reports:

9 groups were formed at the previous meeting and meeting updates were presented.

- Farm to School
 - School garden to form at Charlottesville High School working with Amy, biology teacher at the school. Garden will use biointensive gardening method.
 - Mentioned Agriculture in the Classroom and “on site teacher training”
- Co-op
 - Suggestions were made to look at area co-op’s for examples
 - Mentioned the Roanoke Food Co-op and the Floyd Co-op
- Compost
 - No update
- Bio Remediation
 - Kathleen Maier is offering a new class called “Healing the Lane, Healing Ourselves” through Sacred Plant Traditions. Check the website for details: www.sacredplanttraditions.com
 - This group is looking for wood chips: hardwoods with a little leaf matter
 - Check with VDOT for wood chips
- Directory
 - Should have an Albemarle County focus eventually expanding to regional
 - Look into Bama Works grant for first wave of the directory

- Seniors
 - No report
- Letter to Albemarle BOS
 - Albemarle County will consider full-time staff member for next budget year to express interest for new position for agricultural support. Research needs to be done for job/description.
 - Woodbury County Iowa was mentioned for research/ideas
 - A motion was made to emphasize more research before a letter could be written
- Urban CSA
 - Idea of shared neighborhood CSA
 - Tanya has some articles which may be of help

Other Topics

- Issue was brought up about an unmet need for CSA's
- Group was excited about the possibility of printing a bumper sticker for EAT Local, but a sponsor is needed for the printing. Kate Collier of Feast said that Feast would like to be a part of that effort and would sponsor.
- Is there a possibility of a scholarship fund to accept donations on behalf of EAT Local? Group will check with the Virginia Organizing Project (VOP)
- Another mention was made about the issue of helping farmers to spread the food throughout the year. Example: a cannery for tomatoes.
- Idea: Should a food policy council be created? Who would it be? Anyone with ideas or interest in helping with this should contact Tanya.

Where are we now?

- What do we need at this point? How to structure!
 - Set short term goals
 - Continue interest groups. Each group should connect and come up with goals and prioritize.
 - Can EAT Local find an organization to sponsor us and then formalize?
 - Look into grants for programs
 - Teaming with various education groups. Can EAT Local pair with groups such as Peak Oil for education and promotion.
 - Promotion: table at vegetarian festival? Farmers market?
- 2 new groups are formed
 - I. Group Speakers: Mark & Veronica
 - II. Organization: Ann Dickey, Jennifer Bedrosian, Lisa Reeder, Tanya Denckla Cobb

Next Steps

- The NEXT MEETING is on August 30, 6-8pm at Feast! in the Main Street Market. Potluck!**
- Interest Groups should touch base before next meeting and identify short-term goals. Call, send, or report in person.