

4-13-15 Meeting notes:

Guest speaker high-lights:

Megan DeMers There are only 4 partner agencies in Bandera County
FT52---serves general public weekly
Helping Hands---serves general public once a month
Boys & Girls Club—serves internal clients only
Medina Children’s Home—serves internal clients only

Reinforces need for more agencies or means of distribution

Distribution was an issue brought to the table at our last meeting

Louie Guzman

Talked about Food Fairs and Mobile Pantries and how they could be utilized to distribute food to outlying areas. (See attachment describing the difference between Fairs and Mobile Pantries)

It was agreed that more participation was needed from those areas. Vicki George indicated that she knows some people out there and would attempt to contact them. It was also suggested to councilman Bob Grimes might get in touch with Andy Wilkerson the councilman for the Medina area.

The above discussions also reinforced the necessity for more organizations in the county to become involved in BCFC. Mr. Bob Brischetto volunteered to make contact with some of these organizations and invite them to our next meeting.

We voted on and passed our goals and missions statement. Alma Aquire volunteered to make brochures/fliers for us; so that when we are speaking to others about our group it will help us to explain what we are all about. She will include the “logo”, which we all agreed was very nice, except that the green needs to be a shade lighter.

RE: Calendar of Events

It was passed around the room. Penny will make corrections and email it to all members of our group. Members also agreed it was okay to send out a directory of email address and phone numbers to members only. Penny will correct hers and send it to Alma for review and distribution.

RE: News and Accomplishments

FT52 was received an award at the SA Food Bank Golden Apple Awards

Amy Oulette & Kathy Bates announced that they soon will be starting a garden with 8-16 children from the Boys and Girls Club who are very enthusiastic about the project. This is a Growing Rural Garden sponsored by Alamo RC&D.

Vonna Smith from AACOG announced that there is a lot of money out there for people in Bandera that is not being utilized. She gave examples (i.e. assistance with electric bills) and passed out fliers and brochures.

RE: Reviewing the Need. Alma is going to email us all a “link” that we can review that will show us food insecurity and food “deserts” in Bandera.

RE: Collaborative Effort: It was agreed that we would like to have the guest speaker from TRCC at a community event. The event will be hosted at Faith Tabernacle in September. The date is TBD. It is understood that this will be a **community event** and that all members far and wide will be needed collaborate and promote this event.

RE: Plans of Action: September is Hunger Actions Month, Wear Orange FT52 Food Pantry in conjunction with SA Food Bank will be hosting an event either the 15th, 22nd, or 29th of Sept. Details to follow.

October 24th is National Food Day, FT52 Food Pantry will be having a Food and Health Fair that day.

Actions Items: Bring other ideas to the table for September and October.
 Invite others to our meetings/spread the word
 Report results of items to been done mentioned above

Next meeting: June 8th, 1pm, Lakehills Methodist Church & Garden,
 Hostess: Kathy Bates