

FOTF MEETING MAY 28, 2019 at Donna Riley's home

Present: Donna Riley, Emily Sherwood, Barb Healey, Toby Tarnow, Erin Farwell, Tatum and 3 children

Candle lit by Erin

Opening: from introduction to The Biodynamic Farm ; Karl- Ernst Osthaus read by Toby

Barb read the FOTF Mission

**Purpose of Friends of the Farm (FOTF):
To encourage community among the
Four Corners Cooperative family.**

Examples include; organizing festivals, community dinners, work projects, fundraising, meals for farmers, recipes, classes, cooking groups, etc.

To encourage the spirit (philosophy) of the original farm organism as we move into the future. This includes and is not limited to: Biodynamics, farm members pledging to support our entire farm organism, (thus, separating money from the purchasing of food), and farm members gifting time, talents and treasure to support the farm organism.

Introduction of attendees: Who they are, how long members, what they love about the farm and what they would like additionally

Barb: Loves everything about the farm especially the BIODynamic aspect. She would like more veal, better cuts of meat, and better signage in the farm store.

Erin: Book author; new member as of June, 2019, friend of Brian Drayton, lives down the hill from the farm, grew up on a farm in Michigan. Her daughter is studying sustainability, wants to van tomatoes, has spoken to Benjamin about making yogurt from the farm milk, loves biodynamic process. Would like a contact of a member for new members. Wants to write profiles of the farmers and then members to post on the website. Would help to get to know our farm community/family. Suggested an App for Farm communication.

Toby: 30 year member. Wants to support the farm and the farmers, create more member involvement, farm as a model of sustainable agriculture and biodynamic farming to restore the soil and bring health and healing to the land and the community.

Donna: Doing what she loves supporting the farm in every aspect!

Tatum: Grew up in a Waldorf school. Home schools her children. Is onsite at the farm Tuesdays and her children work on the farm with the chickens and at Lincoln's Gaia school. Has been getting milk and produce for a member in MA. where she lives. This will be her first year as an official member, June 1, 2019.

Emily: is responsible for the land and farming at High mowing, met Jacob at the farm when she volunteered to milk. Wants to support the sustainability of the farm, the national CSA movement, educate and communicate outreach to the members.

There is a new butcher who will hang the meat and select better cuts, however we have dairy not beef cows.

Job Descriptions:

Emily - Agricultural Pulse/Farmer translator

Donna- Farmer, apprentice wellness provider

Barb- Provide and oversee home cooked Meals for farmers and apprentices once a week.

Toby - Create a Fundraising Plan for the TWCF to begin with members and reach outside organizations.

Protocol for FOTF events and **Signup Form** should be posted on the website.

Benjamin- Solstice Silent Farm Walk- The fields around farm store and barn. Opening and Closing remarks by Benjamin

Benjamin and Sarah to provide detailed information.

Picnic - around farm store _ provide own seating equipment.

When: June 22

When: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Meet at the farm parking lot

Picnic Area: TBA

Tatum will provide Kids Kraft for the Walk

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:

Saturday June 1 - Farm Store 9:30am-NOON - Barb and Erin

Emily to provide basic list of notes from Jacob for handouts.

To include Barn phone number.

Barb will print for Orientation.

Member questions answered on site or referred to Jacob.

Should include FOTF contact list, phone and email- Barb, Donna, Tatum, Toby

Emily email (backup)

Jacob will send an email to new members.

Tuesday June 4- Farm Store 9:30am- NOON - Donna and Tatum

NOTES: Special notes on jugs for milk providers

How to clean milk jugs

Bring own bags to collect produce

Where U pick

When U Pick available

What available when

Farm Store stocked Tuesday and Saturday 9:30am

Perishables removed after farm day conclusion

Farm Store open every day from 9:00am 7:00pm

Take appropriate amount of veggies except when advised to take more for processing

Member pricing

Satellite members - in same location to help with store day pickup

Traffic issues at the farm store

Signup Genius for Events

Next Meeting June 25th Donna's 8 Cross Road Amherst,

4:30-6:00pm

Harvest Festival

Emily inspiring Harvest Participation