

## FOTF MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2019.

8 CROSS ROAD, AMHERST NH, DONNA RILEY'S HOME

Attending: Donna, Toby, Tatum, Barb, Thalia

10:35am Opening:

Toby read "Words" by Wendell Barry

Tatum read "Places to Go" by Josh Bruchac Entering Onandaga

Barb read "Family Dog" by Jack Cornfield

Barb lit the Candle and didn't burn herself

Introductions check-in go around- If you were a flower, what and why?

Donna - nasturtiums because of the color of their flowers and leaves

Barb - Pansies/Johnny Jump Ups because they bloom in cool weather

Tatum - Woodland Iris because they're more complex than they seem

Toby - Daisy because of their resilience

Thalia - Gerbera because of its deep red color

Approval of the minutes from July 23, 2019 - We approved the minutes of July 23 meeting as amended.

Items to the BOD/ Our institution - FOTF - our church, spiritual community

Food- Barb brought canned beef to Silvano but he said he didn't need any.

Tatum will bring un-stuffed cabbage on Tuesday, rice pudding & herbal tea

Barb will bring stuffed peppers on Thursday

Scooter and Jennifer will be staying over the winter (and Jennifer's daughter)

Scooter is preserving (freezing) food for the apprentices.

We should ask members to make a little extra for the apprentices & Silvano

We need clarification on apprentice's food restrictions for donations.

Dane and Maija are a couple, living in the small trailer. Would like better accommodations. Farm is approved for two permanent housing units. Need fundraising to erect another one. Ability to have trailers on farm property?

Silvano is moving to apartment over café but there is NO FURNITURE! He would like a futon. Barb will research organic cotton/wool.

Apprentices are part of the farm's stated goal of Biodynamic education

Dane is going to Biodynamic conference this year. Who is paying for this?

## FUNDRAISING.

We would need \$5000 for an attorney for 501c3 for ECF  
Yggdrasil offered to hold 501c3 for fundraising. Anthony pushing back.  
What do we see ourselves as? Educational or commercial?  
We need to define our "story"

### Harvest work days:

Barb will ask Jacob/Dane for scheduled harvest date ranges so we can start building interest

We need a sign-up sheet for both labor and food prep

Where and how will we post this information?

Need "story" of the health and healing benefits of summer, winter, local

Need to emphasize benefit of spending time talking with farmers/apprentices

Can be a family outing (for those veggies where knives not used)

Bring a friend!

Need newsletter to issue a 'save the date' for harvest date ranges

What is our platform for communication? Question for FCC and Board.

Should we charge for farm tours or have a donation jar in farm store?

Joel Salatin charges for farm-to-table tours. How much?

Donna found a wooden cow cutout in the garage. She will 'borrow' it and have it restored/painted to use for donations..

Alex is leaving at the end of October so they're looking for a cheese apprentice. How about Jennifer?

Should we organize food processing at next FOTF meeting?

COMMUNICATION:

Newsletter should request interest in educational classes.

There is a yogurt tutorial on Barb's blog.

Benjamin is willing to give cheese classes IF we charge for them

Closing: Donna read "Treat the Earth Well" from Josephine Porter  
And "To See the Earth in a Grain of Sand" by William Blake

Next meeting August 20th