

Caroline Ag Committee Notes 3/9/23

Attending: Monika Roth, Cal Snow, Katherine Goldberg, Hannah Wyllie, Matt Mix, Erica Frenay, Pete Hoyt, Graham Savio, Emily Adams, Mark Witmer, Don Barber, Jonathan Bates, Anne Riordan, Wil Lawrence (via Zoom)

Apr 6 Agenda

We will likely have somewhere between 6-9 tables set up in the BCC (6-8 people per table). We discussed having one discussion question per table, with tables assigned to either PAST, PRESENT, or FUTURE (2-3 questions for each of these). But since this may limit people to choosing to discuss only past, present or future, maybe it's a better idea to have a couple questions at each table that touch on all 3 (past, present, and future). It was a lively, helpful discussion. Monika and Erica will give this further thought. Anne and Wil would very much like to discuss food freedom at one of the tables.

We will have some photos set up as a history display – Wil has been working on this

April 6 Logistics

Items needed for the meeting:

Monika: large notepaper boards, paper for tablecloths, lots of pens and markers, name tags, maps and tape to hang them, projector, sticky notes, copies of survey

Erica: cardstock with the discussion questions on them, small cards for people to put dish ingredients on, printouts of the draft vision the Ag Cte created, QR code for survey

Dish Truck (for washing all the dishes from the event) - \$147 for 75 people. We agreed to use this service to save time during the event. Mark will sign the contract.

Monika passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the following:

5-6pm Table setup – **Don, Emily, Erica, Katherine, Pete**

5:45 – 6:15 – Food management volunteers to organize the dishes – **Emily, Anne**

6:45 – 7pm – Dinner clean-up – monitor as people bus their dishes, compost scraps, etc – **Katherine, Hannah, Pete, Emily**

7:30 – 8:30 – Facilitator and note-taker at each table:

Facilitators: Jonathan, Don, Anne and Wil, Erica, Katherine

Note-takers: Emily, Pete

9 – 9:30 – Clean up crew – **Mark, Emily, Graham, Pete, Erica, Hannah**

Publicity for April 6 Event

-Erica will transform publicity flier Emily created into a Word/text doc and share it with Mike Ludgate

-Monika brought a list of everyone who receives Ag Assessment (either as a farmer or as a landowner renting to farmers). She will snail mail PR re the April event as well as the ag survey.

-Graham will also send the PR and survey to his contacts, which is an amalgamation of Monika's old lists

-Everyone should work their networks – Monika and Erica will draft a preamble to an email with the PR flier (and RSVP link), a link to the survey, and info about how to join the Friends of Caroline Ag listserv for all committee members to share with anyone you think should be at the meeting. Please do this and ask people to RSVP!

Maps

We looked at some 11x17" versions of maps – Monika will bring much larger versions of these to hang at the meeting. Matt suggested making sure there are roads on them to help orient people

- Ag Parcels and Ag District
- Soils Map

Post-April 6 Event

Do we want to have an April meeting on the 13th, one week after the Apr 6 event?

We agreed unanimously to skip the April meeting and hold our regular meeting second Thurs of May (May 11). Wil will let Mike Ludgate know to update the Town website