



## **Oregon Solutions Lane County Food Distribution Project Team**

**Second Meeting, February 20, 2009**

### **Results**

**Present:** Dennis Herbert, Rod Herbert, John Neumeister, Charlie Tilt, Mary Maude, Jennie Henschion, Tom Driscoll, Dan Armstrong, Erik Myers, Karl Morgenstern, Kelly Hoell, Lynne Fessenden, Megan Kemple, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Peter Bloome

### **Action Items**

**The Declaration of Cooperation Signing Ceremony will be held ay 2:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., in Eugene.**

- Senator Prozanski, Rick Wright and Peter Bloome will plan the agenda for the ceremony.
- Senator Prozanski will issue invitations to local officials, potential speakers, and the press.
- Peter Bloome will work with team members to finalize the declaration.
- Peter Bloome will work with others to prepare a press release.
- Lynne Fessenden will make arrangements with the church.

Following the signing ceremony Peter Bloome will set up a listserv that will enable team members to easily communicate and share information as the season unfolds.

The project team will reconvene in December 2009 to assess progress, determined what has been learned and how it will be shared, and make plans for next steps. The team members will keep track of the amount of institutional purchases of local food products and be alert for the stories that accompany new opportunities and relationships for reporting at the December meeting.

### **Minutes**

Senator Prozanski opened the meeting with a speaker phone call from the Capitol. He then joined the meeting in progress in the afternoon.

Mary Maude, John Neumeister, and Rod Herbert were welcomed to the team.

Peter Bloome reviewed the agenda, the goals of the meeting, and the opportunities that were identified at the first meeting.

Megan Kemple reported on:

- The ODA survey of farmer interest in direct sales to institutional buyers that will include Lane County farmers.
- The Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network pursuit of funding from Oregon Commodity Commissions.
- The ODE Farm to School and School Garden work to secure federal funding from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- Her commitment to compile information about what local school districts need and provide that information to distributors and farmers and to compile information about what local farms and distributors have available and provide that information to school districts.

Charlie Tilt offered to help Megan Kemple in creating an efficient database management system.

Kelly Hoell and Megan Kemple reported on the status and timeline for development of the Food Hub program.

Kelly Hoell, Charlie Tilt, Dennis Herbert, and Lynne Fessenden reported on their conversations with additional farms and distributors concerning local capacity for aggregation, storage and delivery.

Team members worked on their statements for the DOC. Peter Bloome will compile the statements and send another draft document to the team by February 27 for each member to do final editing on their statement. The Project steering committee will contact team members who were not able to attend this meeting to help them with their statements.

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- The team members for their open engagement and commitment
- Peter Bloome for his role as project manager

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm