

NEIFN Quarterly Meeting  
Thurs. Jan. 16 at 9 am



Northeast Iowa  
Funders Network

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**THANK YOU NEI Food and Fitness Initiative for use of the conference line**

**Roll Call** - *Hopes for your community in 2014. The hopes mentioned included new life for small communities, strong schools, wellness, trails, community investment in healthy living, collaboration, cooperative hearts, growing endowments, teachable moments, philanthropy-directed solutions to community challenges.*

Allamakee – Betty Steege and Bill Nation

Clayton – Roger Halvorson

Fayette – Kelly Beacom and Bill Ziegler

Howard - Elaine Govern joined the call after roll call

Winneshiek – Brenda Luzum, Craig Mosher and Lorraine Borrowski

Chickasaw – John Andersen had a Bd. Sup. Budget hearing and did not participate

Jamar Thompson and Whitney (CFNEI)

MJ Smith (CFGD)

**Minutes from Fall 2013 Meeting**

**Please correct Bill Nation's name spelling for Allamakee Rep.**

**Current Financials – Reviewed and follow minutes**

**Project Reports:**

NEI Food Hub Grant – Nick McCann

The NEIFN has invested \$6200 in this project for YEAR 1 and approved another \$6200 for YEAR 2. A report on the NEIFN leverage is being sent as a separate file from the minutes. Nick gave an update including a new school-based Food Box program to Postville and another to John Deere in Dubuque. Routes to Waterloo and Mt. Vernon have been established. A full time truck driver has been hired. An intern has been hired. The winter Food Box includes local foods from all six counties including meat, dairy, bread, eggs, root vegetables, and greens. Ann Mansfield, NEI Food and Fitness Initiative Project Coordinator, announced that FFI will be helping fund the Food Hub's cold storage needs.

**NEIFN members are encouraged to bring another community leader or community foundation board/committee member to the APRIL 3 11 am Food Hub Site Visit/Spring meeting.** Location to be announced.

**Philanthropic Advisor Reports**

CFGD – Betty Steege, serving Clayton and Allamakee, reported on the status of visits to professional advisors. There has been mixed results in terms of their response to her message. A strategy session to plan for her work in 2014 is set for Jan. 21.

CFNEI – Jim Anderson, serving Fayette and Winn. Jamar reported that Jim has experienced a welcoming attitude in his visits. Lorraine reported on the recent positive conversation with the Friends of the Library organization in Decorah.

**Old Business:**

**PA Conference follow-up –**

The group will look toward another regional fall event for PA's with Brenda, Kelly and Bill working together and identifying a date and location by our April meeting.

**New Business:**

2014 NEIFN Dues statement follow-up/**DUE MARCH 1**

**Next Meeting – Food Hub Site Visit – April 3, 2014**

**11 am start time will include working lunch/Watch for location!**

**Jan. 15, 2014  
Financial Report**

<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b><u>\$20,273.77</u></b>
<b>Grants Paid</b>		
<b>Fall meeting stipends (\$50/co. attending)</b>		<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>CFNEI – Fayette/Winn. Phil. Advisor 2014 Outreach</b>		<b>\$3000</b>
<b>CFNEI - Howard/Chickasaw Phil. Advisor 2014 Outreach</b>		<b>\$3000</b>
<b>CFGD – Clayton/Allamakee Phil. Advisor 2014 Outreach</b>		<b>\$3000</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$11,123.77</b>