

Professional Development Committee Call

March 19, 2009

Participants: Dietrich Bronner, Lj Kehn, Dan Keane, Dru Montri, Nic Welty and Robin Danto.

ANR Week Discussion

- Dru is working on the evaluations from Boot Camp and will send them out soon.
- Dru stated there was a lot of good feedback on the internet session. 90% of the participants were satisfied with the program and the other 10% neither agreed nor disagreed. Some of the feedback received included to build in breaks into the session. It may also be valuable to meet in the computer lab for at least part of the session for some hands on opportunities. It was commented that the session was worth the cost and after the session, 92% had a better understanding of how they might use the internet for their business. Bonnie's presentation was well liked.
- Improvements that were suggested included having more information disseminated before the program on parking. The sessions were too long and it was hard to hear the speaker. It was also suggested that the participants have more of an opportunity to share with each other. It was also suggested that having a copy of the PowerPoint during the session would be helpful. Dru said that it was hard to get that from the presenters.
- Suggestions for next year's internet sessions include – blogging, newsletters, and web pages.

Annual Meeting Discussion

The annual meeting was a good networking opportunity. Dru stated that the meeting should not be during Boot Camp as it limits the number of vendors and farmers participating. It was suggested that the annual meeting could be held at a different venue. There were 45 attendees which was a good turnout for the meeting.

Serve Safe Discussion

The question has come up as to whether temporary food establishments at farmers markets need to have someone present who is serve safe certified. According to the Environmental Health Division in Oakland County this is not required.