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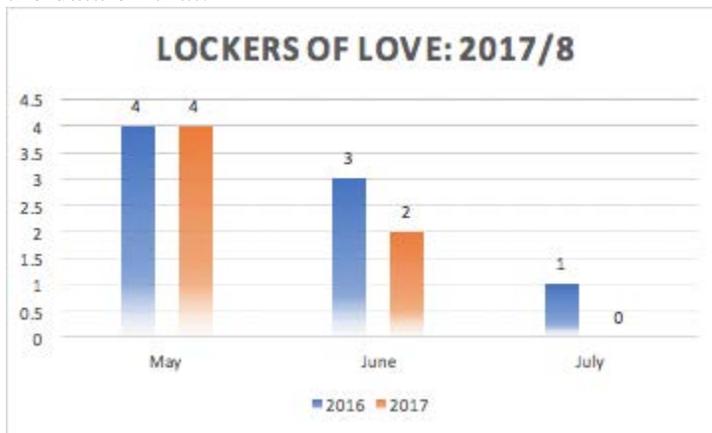
TO: Members of the Executive Board
FROM: Taylor Mertens
SUBJECT: MacBreadBin Report #2
DATE: July 20th, 2016

UPDATE

The Food Collective Centre is being cleaned up this past week, and some official framework for the Food Waste project - which were two major points in my last report. They are still ongoing and developing constantly, with the hiring of executives, I will have more hands and more brain power to work on these.

SERVICE USAGE

With the FCC being closed, the main food bank function is the Locker Of Love, here is the data on that:



Details & Thoughts: A locker of love is a ten-to-twenty pound (or one-to-two duffle bag) filled with dry and non-perishable goods, along with hygiene products and occasional baby food. I added the previous years to put this usage in a framework that usage is normal. Overall, MacBreadBin's communication and general knowledge of a food bank being available is something that needs to be worked on but considering the student population is greatly reduced right now, this trend is expected. If the trend that usually occurs is accurate, I will prepare to stock-up for September when tuition and the student population increase.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Hannah (Asst. Director), Chukky, and I attended the National Student Food Summit (run by our bigger non-profit ally Meal Exchange) for three days in June. The conference was delightful with a lot of Indigenous knowledge on their food system, balancing the nuances of local “premium price” produce, migrant worker struggles, other national and international non-profits, and new perspectives on MBB problems. It was excellent and I would recommend any upcoming PTMs to go to the events.

The MacBreadBin hiring committee has hired two lovely individuals for the Community Kitchen Coordinator and Social Political Advocacy Coordinator, but will be re-opening hiring for one more Social Political Advocacy Coordinator, Good Food Coordinator, and Promotions Coordinator. If you know anyone who would be interested in these positions and doing dope work, let me know!!

Farm day: Chukky, Hannah, and I visited both Simpler Thyme Farms and Plan B Organic Farm to look at additional sourcing, capacity to maintain our own system, and two-tier Good Food Box. More to come and more discussions need to be had on this topic and will be reported in a full report based on the memo the president mandated. Farm day was the best day.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

With the first wave of executives hired, transitioning will happen as soon as possible (if not done by the time of this meeting). Additionally, the Community Kitchen Coordinator is already meeting with Food For Thought McMaster group to start planning their first semester of programming.

Mac Bread Bin and MSU Spark will be meeting soon to discuss their co-creation of Session 8: “Life After First Year”, which is usually a 45-minute cooking class run by TLs of Spark and talking about renting houses, budgeting, cooking experiences, etc.

Food Waste will have more discussion internally within MBB to determine roles of executives, volunteers, myself, and fleshing out as many details before meeting with external parties to discuss this idea. Additionally, playing around with terms/title of the project bc Food Waste is not necessarily the most appealing.

Mac Bread Bin and MSU Horizon will be discussing making a wellness programming, some fruit-based meals, and where to find local food options + discount food options.

BUDGET

I have not spent any more money #fiscalresponsibility.

VOLUNTEERS

Hiring two lovely volunteers executives have been great. Their energy and passion have made me very excited for this upcoming year. With general volunteers, I do not know

whether the hiring should be done before Welcome Week or directly after Welcome Week (i.e. volunteer apps close on the Sunday 3rd or 10th) and hiring starts Monday-Wednesday. I would love to hear your thoughts on this!

CURRENT CHALLENGES

Just thoughts on hiring for general volunteers right before Welcome Week or directly after as mentioned before (read above).

SUCSESSES

Farm day was a big success and necessary for discussing the future of an expanded GFB, hopefully one more farm day and communication can start these relationships providing more students affordable and accessible food options.