

**Community Food Network (CFN) Meeting  
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge**

**Attendees:** Jillian Bishop, Judy Girard, Maisie Watson, Chris Kawalec, Lindsey Archer, Margaret Wright, Dorothy Boddy, Marjorie MacDonald, Hanah MacFarlane. Peter Hughes, Lori Sainte, Joëlle Favreau, Marie Bongard, Linda Slavin, Susan Hubay (Interim Chair), Alida Tanna (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Julie Stoneberg, Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver, Dr. Rosana Pellizzari

**Welcome and Introductions**

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following items:

7.12, Farmer's Market

7.13, Kawartha Food Share

8.1, CFN Meeting Times

2.0 Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2011

The minutes were approved with a correction to item 3.1, Easter Meals.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Policy

Susan advised that the report by Cheryl Lyon, *Strategies for Political Engagement in a Food Security Policy Action Plan*, has been circulated to the individuals who were consulted and subsequently named in the report. They have been advised to notify us by May 31<sup>st</sup> if they have any changes. The report will be posted on the CFN web site on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A working group on food policy will start in June. Susan is awaiting confirmation on a funding submission to Healthy Communities Ontario which would assist with this work.

3.2 GPAEDC Survey

Marjorie noted that she spoke with Karen Jopling from the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPA EDC) regarding this survey. Marjorie circulated a media release from Northumberland County with details on the project. This document can be viewed here:

<http://www.proudlynorthumberland.ca/BR+E/BREFundingReleaseNC.pdf>

The survey, an initiative to strengthen the local food economy, will cover 9 communities across Eastern Ontario. The survey is extensive (36 pages), volunteers which were recruited to assist in surveying have been lost over time. There is a plan to allow for completion online, however their preference is administer these in-person or via phone interview. **ACTION: Any members interested in volunteering**

**to help administer the surveys should contact Kari Spry (see media release for contact information).**

4.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

No update.

5.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

No update.

6.0 Create Change (System Change)

6.1 Community Food Centre (CFC) Sub-Committee – Update

This group meets on a monthly basis. At the last meeting, the group was divided to focus on three areas: County Connections, Governance and Site. The CFC sub-committee is also looking at connecting with women's institutions throughout the County.

Dr. Pellizzari and Susan Hubay presented the CFC concept to the Kawartha Food Share Board on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

7.0 Round Table

7.1 By The Bushel Food Cooperative (BTB) – Hanah MacFarlane

BTB is opening on June 9<sup>th</sup>, they have not reached their target yet, baskets are still available. The baskets feature food grown by 18 local producers and are available on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. For more information visit: [www.bythebushel.ca](http://www.bythebushel.ca).

7.2 Community Gardens – PCGN Members

The Parks Canada partnership project continues. Currently, the PCGN has a waiting list of 100 people seeking plots; the City is looking for new areas for potential community garden space. Maisie noted there was a garden space at Crawford Dr. (near Hilliard St.) which has gone unused since last year.

The PCGN is looking for 5 gallon pails to grow tomatoes; it was noted that Rona could be a potential supplier considering their recent interest in community food programs. The PCGN is hoping to organize a growing contest where people can submit pictures of their tomatoes.

Jillian recently lead a container gardening workshop at the Peterborough Green Expo which can be viewed here: <http://ptbocommgardennetwork.blogspot.com/>.

7.3 Community Meals Update – Faith Community Members

Brock Mission resumes the Open Table on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

St. John's numbers are steady, however they can fluctuate, at times there are over 100 people in attendance. Jo-Hayward Haynes leads an art group that meets after lunches. Works produced by this group is being showcased at Black Honey until the end of the month.

7.4 Municipal Update – Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Olver

No update.

7.5 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan Hubay

Susan advised that a partnership with Community Care (offering a subsidized frozen meal program which has been ongoing since 2006 in the County has come to an end as an application for future funding has not been approved. **ACTION: Susan to meet with Community Care to debrief on the partnership.**

Susan presented a table-top display created by Laura Jack at the Health Unit to show information on food security, local programs and initiatives. **ACTION: CFN members interested in borrowing the display for events can contact Laura Jack at the Health Unit via email, [ljack@pcchu.ca](mailto:ljack@pcchu.ca).**

Susan circulated a Community Food Program map, which identifies food programs in Peterborough City and County. The map could be used to support funding/grant applications. There was a suggestion made that map could be laminated and used as a placemat at an appropriate event. A change was noted by members in attendance. **ACTION: The map will be posted to the [pcchu.ca/food](http://pcchu.ca/food) web site once it is revised.**

7.6 Gleaning – Lori Sainte

Lori is in the process of organizing community contacts. She is looking for contacts in the following areas: Cameron St., Crawford Dr., 999 Hilliard St., Herbert St.

Lori distributed a flyer with details on gleaning and contact information for potential volunteers. **ACTION: Alida to circulate details to CFN members via email.**

Their new website is: [www.peterboroughgleans.wordpress.com](http://www.peterboroughgleans.wordpress.com)

7.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle Favreau

Joëlle noted the YWCA's current challenge is to find funding for subsidies. The budget for subsidies in 2010 was \$51,000.

The YWCA will host a fundraiser, Empty Bowls, on June 17th at Princess Gardens. A \$25 admission will cover lunch and each attendee will receive a hand crafted bowl from the Kawartha Potters Guild. **ACTION: Alida to circulate details to CFN members via email.**

Anyone wishing to support the Just Food Box program can also donate by subsidizing a family's box purchase (\$6.00 for a small box, \$10.00 for a large box). **ACTION: Please contact Joëlle for more information about this opportunity to contribute to JustFood Box subsidies ([jfavreau@ywcapeterborough.on.ca](mailto:jfavreau@ywcapeterborough.on.ca))**

7.8 Our Space/LETS Exchange – Margaret Wright

Our Space has taken on the Open Table meals in May, Brock Mission will resume these on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the increased number of meals, Our Space is experiencing a problem handling garbage. They are only allowed 4 bags per week, and they are currently producing over 40. The City noted they must be a DBIA member to increase this. In terms of food donations, Our Space is looking for more meat (e.g. hamburger, chopped meat). They have the capacity to freeze donations.

There is a need for a more space to provide for a growing number of services. Fundraising activities continue for their capital campaign. They are looking to offer other services as well (e.g. visits from nurse practitioners, nutritionists; host an immunization clinic).

7.9 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) – Chris Kawalec

Chris circulated a newsletter on upcoming events from Neighbours in Action at Prince of Wales Public School. The focus for the summer will be on activities for families and children.

**ACTION: Alida to circulate this information to CFN members via email.**

Chris noted that the PPRN are seeking two additional suitable locations for neighbourhood hubs, and has applied for Trillium funding to support these efforts.

7.10 Education Sector Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating, Paula Anderson, Peter Hughes

No update.

7.11 COIN; Community Bake Oven – Linda Slavin, Frances Wilbur

Peterborough EATS is gathering momentum. They are seeking assistance with packaging, labelling and marketing. **ACTION: Expressions of interest should be sent to Frances Wilbur at [francesw@coin-ced.org](mailto:francesw@coin-ced.org).**

7.12 Farmer's Market – Jillian Bishop

The downtown farmer's market is open every Wednesday at the Louis St. parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jillian noted there would be some exciting events over the summer, including an appearance by a master chef.

Maisie requested whether there would be any seedlings available for planting at the Alexander St. community garden. Both the YWCA and PCGN noted they could offer some.

7.13 Kawartha Food Share (KFS)– Lindsey Archer

Lindsey is the new co-ordinator at KFS. She reported that a meeting for member agencies took place on May 17, and the upcoming city-wide food drive occurs on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

8.0 Other

8.1 CFN Meeting Times

The current meeting time (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 10 – 11:30 a.m.) is no longer a viable option. The group agreed that the same date, however a new time of 1 –

2:30 p.m. would work. **ACTION: Susan to confirm room availability. Alida will advise CFN members of the change via email.**

9.0 Agenda Items for June 2011

None identified at the meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Parked Items

*Menu 2020 Discussion (Dawn Berry-Merriam)*

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2011 at St. John’s Anglican Church, Lounge from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.**