

**Community Food Network Meeting  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

**St. John's Anglican Church – Follow signs to meeting room**

Attendees: Sue Hubay (Interim Chair), Dorothy Olver, Joëlle Favreau, Peter Hughes, Paula Anderson, Jillian Bishop, Peggy Baillie, Kellie Walden, Lori Sainte, Jackie Farquharson, Maisie Watson, Dorothy Boddy, Linda Slavin, Alida Tanna (Recorder).

Regrets: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Mary McGee

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 4.9, PFRC Update.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2009

The minutes were approved with a clarification to item 5.2 – December Holiday meals. This discussion was about the need for a meal on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Security Work Plan 2010- 2011 Committee

Members of this subcommittee were confirmed as follows: Lori Sainte (ideas), Paula Anderson, Janet McCue, Joëlle Favreau, Jillian Bishop, Peggy Baillie, Jackie Farquharson and Chris Kawalec. The group will assemble and work on a plan to determine food action in Peterborough over the next two years. In discussing the framework for this plan, there was consensus that it should mirror the web site set up (need food, get involved, create change). **ACTION: Susan will make these revisions and send out the final version by email to the network.**

3.2 Web Site Promotion

The group discussed the distribution of the newsletter and bookmarks which included the following venues: local and rural libraries, food boxes, Our Space, religious groups, shelters, agencies, farmer's markets, bookstores, Salvation Army, Value Village, schools (secondary and post-secondary). The majority of attendees were able to take quantities of each item to distribute. Additional copies are available, members were asked to contact Susan directly if they require more. Electronic distribution (via email) was also recommended. **ACTION: Alida to send out a communication to the network with a website image and information on the site for members to pass on to other agencies and networks. Susan to contact Lois Tuffin to ensure that the page is linked on the PPRN site.**

### 3.3 Bring Food Home Conference – March 2010

For details on this conference, members were encouraged to visit the web site, [www.bringfoodhome.com](http://www.bringfoodhome.com). **ACTION: Members interested in attending the conference and looking for options for accommodation should contact Paula Anderson.**

### 3.4 December Community Meals Dec 24, 25, 31, Jan 01

The holiday community meals were very successful.

## 4.0 Round Table

### 4.1 School Update – Community Use of Schools Update - Mary

Susan provided a short update in Mary's absence. Prince of Wales is hosting cooking classes for parents in that community and is also a food box drop site. Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School has opened their family studies kitchen in the evening for cooking programs.

### 4.2 Community Gardens – Jillian, Peter, Joëlle

Dorothy Boddy advised that she was asked to wait until after Christmas to send out a communication to faith groups regarding community gardens. Initially, this will go to clergy, and it was recommended that the letter come from Dr. Pellizzari and Paula Anderson as the Chairs of the two networks. **ACTION: Dorothy to send the letter to Paula and Rosana (via Alida) for their review.** Paula advised that more details will be forthcoming regarding strategic planning around community gardens in light of the Trillium funding.

### 4.3 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Paula

Paula advised that any interested individuals should purchase a share as soon as possible (access to products can only be done with a membership), the cost of the share is \$25. For more information visit <http://www.bythebushel.ca/>.

### 4.4 Our Space – Lori

Our Space has signed a lease with the Orange Lodge (on George Street). Start up by the end of the week might be possible however final inspections still have to take place. The capacity will be for 50 persons as there are only 2 washrooms available. Currently space is being used at the Social Services building in the Charlotte Mews as a temporary measure. After hours, when space is not available at the Brock Mission, there is a City after-hours emergency number which can be called.

### 4.5 Gleaning – Lori

Lori reported that the market value for the produce gleaned last year was \$18,000. A media release will be issued with the assistance of Laura Jack from the Health Unit.

#### 4.6 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan

Susan summarized a number of recent funding announcements which totalled approximately \$300,000, they included:

- OMAFRA
- Funding for the Come Cook with Us Program and Food Boxes covered by the 2010 Health Unit base budget.
- Brock Mission received funding for the Open Table program
- Funding for meals from the Peterborough Real Estate Board
- Healthy Communities Fund

#### 4.7 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Rosana

This item was deferred.

#### 4.8 Kawartha Food Share – Chris

In Chris' absence, Paula shared details from a recent meeting with Tom Hutchinson (Trent University professor) and Dave Ralph, Board Chair for KFS.

Paula and Tom focused the discussion on the Canadian food system, with a 'global to local' perspective. The outcome was very positive, and Mr. Ralph found the information extremely useful for his role at KFS. The group felt that this discussion would benefit other community members as well. Linda Slavin suggested that the library could sponsor a lunch hour session. **ACTION: Paula to approach Dave to pursue the possibility of a presentation to the KFS Board. Linda to coordinate the library session. Sue to contact Brittany Cadence at the Health Unit to approach Cogeco.**

#### 4.9 Peterborough Family Resource Centre (PFRC)

Kellie Walden provided some details to the group on PFRC and its work related to food assistance and education. PFRC focuses on families with children from ages 0-6, with a department that identifies and assists families who may have food availability issues. Some of the activities include: Offering food cupboards, hosting School For Young Moms and Come Cook With Us programs, as well as general nutrition programs. They do not have the capacity for emergency food assistance, and whatever they can provide is strictly for the families enrolled in their programs. Once children pass the age limit, families are referred to other agencies for further assistance if required.

#### 4.10 Other

- The vegetarian potluck is taking place on the first Saturday in February at St. Paul's. **ACTION: Sue to speak with Joëlle regarding a display at this event.**

### 5.0 Items for Discussion

#### 5.1 Community Food Centre

A sub-committee for this item met after the meeting adjourned.

## 5.2 Community Brick/Bake Oven

Sue Prentice and Councillor Henry Clarke are interested in pursuing the construction of an oven in a city park. Fleming Park was identified as a potential site, the group felt that a bigger site would be more effective. Paula has spoken with the group involved, and shared some insight on policy and other issues which should be taken into account in their planning. She will also keep the potential of this in mind when creating policy around community gardens with the City. **ACTION: This item will be delegated to the Community Garden Network for follow up.**

## 6.0 Advocacy Opportunities

### 7.0 Other

- Seed Exchange on Saturday March 13 at St. James United Church. Interested parties should contact Jillian Bishop for a table.
- Dorothy Boddy advised that the Peterborough Seventh-day Adventist Church will be assisting with a Sunday brunch for Our Space, and offer a sack lunch on Tuesday. Brent Fudge, a representative from the church would like to be involved in the network. **ACTION: Dorothy to forward email address to Alida.**

## 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at St. John's Anglican Church, room to be confirmed.**