

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. John's Anglican Church – Lounge

Attended by: Chris Kawalec, Joëlle Favreau, Dorothy Boddy, Susan Hubay (Interim Chair), Dorothy Olver, Julie Stoneberg, Margaret Wright, Alida Tanna (Recorder).

Regrets: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Marie Bongard.

Welcome and Introductions

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 8.2, All Candidates Meeting.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2010

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Review Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) Web Site

Margaret solicited the group for ideas on what would be useful to include on the PPRN web site. A suggestion was made to include a history of the Community Food Network. **ACTION: Susan to forward a document being developed for the Community Food Centre (CFC) subcommittee which includes historical information.**

Joëlle advised that Emily, the video intern at the YWCA, is currently putting together a blog with photos which could be linked.

3.2 Metcalf Report: Menu 2020 – Ten Good Food Ideas for Ontario

http://www.metcalffoundation.com/downloads/Metcalf_Food_Solutions_Menu_2020.pdf

3.2.1 Fleming Curriculum (Peter Hughes)

This item was deferred.

3.2.2 Promoting Food Seasonality

The suggestion of creating a calendar to promote food seasonality was brought forward from the last meeting for further discussion. The intention would be to produce a 2012 calendar featuring recipes related to food that is in season for each month. Foodland Ontario currently produces a calendar, Kawartha Choice has a web site featuring local chefs promoting local foods. **ACTION: Susan will confirm whether Kawartha Choice are continuing their web site.** Some suggestions made for these calendars included:

- Pull recipes utilized in food boxes.
- Link to schools and curriculum; have students draw pictures for each month.

- Offer a month to different organizations. Some examples include: St. John's Community Meals, Our Space, Gleaning, Food Box, By The Bushel, Community Opportunity & Innovation Network (COIN), Collective Kitchens, Come Cook With Us, Out of the Cold, Kawartha Food Share, Peterborough Community Garden Network, Food For Kids, Salvation Army, Seventh-day Adventist Cooking Classes, St. Paul's Community Meals. Each group would supply details about themselves, as well as submit a recipe and artwork. Prior to approaching these groups, we would need to confirm revenues (e.g. where would the funds go), distribution, etc.
- Dorothy advised that artwork could be supplied by the Community Meals art group.

ACTION: This item will be brought forward to the next CFN meeting.

3.2.3 Special Meeting with Community Agriculture (All)

Susan proposed that the December meeting of the CFN could be used an opportunity to invite local agricultural agencies and groups to discuss related issues. Possible invitees would include: Kawartha Choice; The Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC); Ecological Farmers; The National Farmers Union; and, local representatives from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). It was suggested that this would be an ideal opportunity for a public forum, however Susan recommended that an initial engagement take place at a CFN meeting.

3.3 World Food Day Press Conference (Do The Math)

World Food Day takes place on October 16th. Margaret advised that the Income Security Committee has not met yet to further discuss the Do The Math campaign, and to confirm whether there will be a press conference. **ACTION: Susan to incorporate information on Do The Math in an upcoming CHEX 'To Your Health' segment which will air in late September. Joëlle will check with Trent University to confirm whether an event will take place to mark World Food Day as they have done so in the past. This item will be brought back for discussion at the October 5th CFN meeting.**

4.0 Need Food (Short Term Relief)

4.1 Discussion of Activities and Objectives from Work Plan

The groups discussed long term activities related to short term relief which can be found here: http://www.pcchu.ca/CFN/135_CFN+Workplan+June+2010.pdf

1. *Support Kawartha Food Share (KFS) re: coordination, distribution & access to fresh food.* Chris clarified that the focus of KFS is non-perishables. Distribution and advance notice on what is being shipped is always an issue with fresh food. It would be ideal to have the CFC look after this, and to involve gleaning.
2. *Develop a Food Security presentation that discusses the definition; continuum; web site and food system issues.*
3. *Offer presentations to organizations involved in emergency food delivery.*

4. *Conduct one presentation annually.* Susan inquired whether it would be possible to present to the KFS Board. **ACTION: Susan will speak with Chris about this, timing would be for February 2011.**
5. *Develop a system to access and store fresh produce surplus.*
6. *Create a map of food programs in the City and County and identify gaps.* The City is currently creating a map which will include a number of food programs and initiatives. It was suggested that it also include gleaning pick-up sites if possible.
7. *Create an emergency food fund through municipal/private funds. (similar to emergency housing funds).* Dorothy Olver noted that in the case of emergency housing funds, most are provincially funded. Rosemary O'Donnell would be the contact at the City. **ACTION: Dorothy to contact Rosemary and obtain more details which she will email to the CFN.** On a separate note, the group discussed the issue of coordinating food vouchers, and that an ideal situation would be that this should be done centrally.

5.0 Get Involved (Capacity Building)

5.1 Discussion of Activities and Objectives from Work Plan (All)

This item was deferred.

6.0 Create Change (System Change)

6.1 Community Food Centre Sub-Committee – Update

This item was deferred.

7.0 Round Table

7.1 School Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating

No update.

7.2 Community Gardens – Peter Hughes, Joëlle Favreau

No update.

7.3 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Linda Slavin

No update.

7.4 Our Space – Margaret Wright

Payroll is proving to be quite expensive. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., they are considering extending hours in the winter. 'Our Fest' held in August was very successful. 'Our Gala' has been scheduled for November 13th which will be held at Adam Scott and will feature a silent auction. Margaret is seeking donations for the auction and for the meal. It was recommended that she contact local high school hospitality programs for food donations.

7.5 Gleaning – Lori Sainte

No update.

7.6 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan Hubay

Susan provided an update on school breakfast programs. 46 out of 54 currently have breakfast and/or snack programs (85%), this includes all schools located in Peterborough County.

7.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle Favreau

No update.

7.8 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Rosana Pellizzari (*deferred*)

This item was deferred.

7.9 Kawartha Food Share (KFS) – Chris Kawalec

Chris advised that KFS would be at the farmer's market the following day collecting fresh food. This initiative was funded by RBC through the Ontario Association of Food Banks to support hunger initiatives.

7.10 Community Meals Update – Faith Community members

No update.

7.11 City of Peterborough Update – Dorothy Olver

Dorothy noted that she was awaiting news on the social assistance review from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

7.12 Kawartha Choice – Karen Jopling

No update.

7.13 LETS Exchange – Margaret Wright

The next LETS market will take place on Saturday, September 11th at the Library. The November market will take place at Our Gala, please refer to item 7.4 for details. Organizations interested in hosting a LETS markets should contact Margaret at ptbolets@yahoo.ca.

7.14 Community Bake Oven – Linda Slavin

No update.

8.0 Other

8.1 Review CFN Terms of Reference

This item was deferred.

8.2 All Candidates Meeting, September 16, 2010

Susan advised that she could submit questions (related to food security) for this meeting, the group provided appropriate feedback. **ACTION: Susan to contact the Peterborough Community Gardens Network for their input.**

9.0 Agenda Items for October 2010

- Fleming Curriculum, Sustainable Agriculture Program (ref. July 2010 meeting)
- Policy Discussion; Janet Dawson (PCCHU), Jessi Dobyns (student intern)

10.0 Adjournment

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

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2010 at St. John’s Anglican Church, Lounge.

Parked Items

Nov. 2010 – *Presentation on School Nutrition Policies, Carolyn Doris (PCCHU)*
(ref. June 2010 meeting)

Dec. 2010 – *Metcalf Reports: New Farmers and Alternative Markets Within the Supply-Managed System; Nurturing Fruit and Vegetable Processing in Ontario*