

**Community Food Network Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 2, 2010
10:00 am to 11:30 am

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

Attendees: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Sue Hubay (Recorder), Joëlle Favreau, Peter Hughes, Jackie Farquharson, Maisie Watson, Dorothy Boddy, Linda Slavin, Mary McGee, Brent Fudge, Carol Winter, Julie Stoneberg, Sharyn Inward, Sonya Hardman, Gwen Johnston, Chris Kawalec, Lisa Sedgwick

Regrets: Paula Anderson; Alida Tanna; Jillian Bishop

Resignation: Jackie Farquharson announced that she will be resigning from the CFN. Rosana thanked her for her years of service on food security and poverty reduction strategies in our community.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 4.10 Community Bread Oven; 4.11 Community Social Plan; 4.12 Nutrition Month.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2010

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Security Work Plan 2010- 2011 Committee

The Work Plan subcommittee has had one meeting and filled in most sections with the exception of Emergency Food and Community Gardens. Susan will produce a draft document for Jillian Bishop and Chris Kawalec to add to. This will be circulated to the membership for ideas in March 2010. **ACTION: Susan will send draft work plan for committee comments in March 2010.**

3.2 Bring Food Home Conference – March 2010

Susan reminded the group about this conference which will include provincial network meetings on the Good Food Box and Community Food Centres. For further details, members were encouraged to visit the web site, www.bringfoodhome.com. **ACTION: Members interested in attending the conference and looking for options for accommodation should contact Paula Anderson (wastefree@greenup.on.ca).**

4.0 Round Table

4.1 School Update – Community Use of Schools Update - Mary

Mary McGee has responsibilities for the Community Use of Schools, After School programs and Healthy Schools. Community Use of Schools will allow not for profits

to use kitchens and other school space after hours for free. She has been working with an area school that would like a community garden but was concerned about vandalism. Both TASSS and Prince of Wales have opened up kitchen space for cooking sessions now and in the future. **ACTION: Peter Hughes will work with Mary McGee on the community garden issue.**

4.2 Community Gardens – Peter, Joëlle, Dorothy

Peter alerted the group to some important opportunities in the planning process for community gardens. Everyone is invited to participate!

Feb 18th, 2010 – a meeting at City Hall at 3:30 pm regarding the draft community garden policy. Peter is hoping to have a draft before the meeting

March 2nd, 2010 from 7 pm to 9 pm - Community Gardens – The Possibilities! An inspiring session at the Peterborough Public Library.

March 19th, 2010 - full day meeting about community gardening partnerships utilizing the themes of Youth; Building Neighbourhoods; and Improved Food Security

ACTION: Peter will email draft City Community Garden Policy to Alida for the CFN if it arrives before the Feb 18th, 2010 meeting.

Dorothy and Paula have worked on a community garden overview document and cover letter that will go to 70 Christian based congregations requesting consideration for land and support for community gardens.

Gwen asked if the Mount St. Joseph garden was still active and she was advised that it closed last year. She mentioned Sister Dorothy Ryan as an important contact about this garden. **ACTION: Dorothy Boddy to send the cover letter to Rosana (via Alida) for her signature.**

4.3 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Linda

Linda 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. The cost for summer baskets is \$600 which can be shared and payment options are available. For more information visit <http://www.bythebushel.ca>

4.4 Our Space – Dorothy

Dorothy has been asked to mention that fresh food and cooked meals are in need at Our Space located at the Orange Hall at 574 George Street North. Coffee, tea and healthy snacks as well as cooked meals and fresh fruits and vegetables are needed. Dorothy said food, meals and financial donations would be appreciated. Please make cheques out to Peterborough Social Planning Council (attention Our Space). Dorothy thanked Kawartha Food Share for their support.

Chris mentioned that Kawartha Food Share will supply food as needed so Our Space is encouraged to call John the warehouse manager on a weekly basis at KFS, however fresh and cooked food is not always available.

Brent advised that the Seventh-day Adventist Church prepares a meal at Our Space once a month, however it is important to review the City Calendar monthly to ensure that community meals fill any gaps on specific days.

Jackie mentioned that St. Paul's and St. John's Churches have opened their kitchen space to Our Space staff to use.

4.5 Kawartha Food Share – Chris

Kawartha Food Share continues to expand with St. Luke's Church and Out of the Cold as the most recent member agencies to join. Both demand and supply have increased; with special needs noted in the County (both Lakefield and Millbrook were mentioned). Chris reminded us that food, money and volunteers are always needed. A \$1 donation translates into \$6 worth of food. KFS does a reclamation run to Toronto weekly; and holds very successful food drives.

4.6 Gleaning Deferred.

4.7 Food Security Community Partnership Program – Susan

Susan announced that recent grant and funding announcements mean that the four community food programs in this partnership are secure for 2010. (Come Cook with Us; Just Food Box subsidies; Community Care Peterborough County Frozen Meal subsidies; Open Table meal program). Funds are coming from a variety of sources.

4.8 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Rosana

The PPRN is looking into some funding for staff support since the network is under resourced. Key people involved are volunteering, which is an incredible responsibility. The PPRN are reviewing their Strategic Plan and Linda mentioned that it is critical that community consultations continue with this process as it did when the initial plan was developed. Some changes have occurred. Although the Food Security, Basic Needs and Communication committees are still active, Housing is now in AHAC's hands and the Income group has disbanded. The Prince of Wales HUB project has been a successful initiative of the PPRN. A lively discussion took place about the PPRN possibilities and Rosana will keep us posted.

4.9 Community Food Centre – Susan

The first meeting was held on January 5, 2010 where participants explored potential models and first steps. The discussion was sparked by the October CFN trip to the STOP Community Food Centre in Toronto. Sharyn mentioned that partnering with diverse groups can help activate this idea – for example, the STOP has rental space

for artists and not for profit groups. Julie mentioned that Camp Kawartha is an interesting model of a space focused on Environmental Issues. **ACTION: The next Community Food Centre meeting is on Feb 18th, 2010 at 11:00 am at the COIN offices on Charlotte Street. Everyone welcome.**

4.10 Community Bread Oven – Sharyn

The idea is to build a community bread oven in a public space. The committee is working with COIN on a business plan since it costs about \$10,000 to build an oven. The oven will be used for skill training, master bakers, classes, making pizza and bread at community events. Volunteers will be trained on how to use the oven and there will be a managed system in place to ensure safety. There will be a community meeting about this initiative in April or May 2010.

4.11 Community Social Plan - Sonya

The Community Social Plan has been around for a few years with a focus on multiservice HUBS in rural areas of Peterborough County. The areas where programming occurs currently are Galway -Cavendish– Harvey, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and Asphodel-Norwood-Otonabee South Monaghan.

There is an interest in food security issues, community services, youth issues and transportation. Buckhorn Public School has a community garden are looking to apply for Sobey's EarthFund money to expand but could use some guidance.

ACTION: Mary McGee and Peter Hughes will contact Sonya Hardman regarding this project.

There is a Food Subgroup who are exploring the need for a food bank in some County areas (Buckhorn and Keene). The Community Social Plan is working with the Galway-Cavendish-Harvey Food subgroup and the Rural Outreach Centre to bring forward information about community gardens to the GCH Council to ask that they consider a community garden on Township land at the Rural Outreach Centre.

ACTION: For changes to the City Food Calendar that is released monthly, please contact Sonya (shardman@peterborough.ca) and she will send the changes onto Michelle Lavallée at Social Services.

4.12 Seventh-day Adventist Update – Brent

This group is offering a tutoring program at their church from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm for students in grades 1 to 9. They have also started a Vegan/Vegetarian cooking class on the 4th Saturday of the month.

5.0 Advocacy Opportunities

5.1 Social Assistance review Advisory Council – Rosana

The Ontario Government has struck this committee, chaired by Gail Nyberg of the Daily Bread Food Bank. The goal is to change the social assistance rules and is part of

the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy. Their recommendations are due April 2010. **ACTION: Those interested can find more information at <http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/sacouncil/index.aspx>**

5.2 Social Audit – Susan

The Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC) is organizing their third Social Audit and Peterborough has been mentioned as one of the Hearing sites for March 2010. The report will be going to the Ontario government in May 2010.

ACTION: Susan has contacted ISARC for a list of people organizing the Peterborough Social Audit and will bring the information to the next meeting.

5.3 Living Wage Bylaw – Rosana

Ottawa City Council has instituted a municipal living wage bylaw recently. Sonya mentioned that the same thing went through in Waterloo. Susan mentioned that the Peterborough Social Planning Council worked on living wage issues with the local City Council. **ACTION: Susan to find out about the local history of Living Wage bylaws and report back. Sonya will investigate as well.**

6.0 Other

March is Nutrition Month with a theme about Celebrating Local Food. Susan distributed quizzes and fact sheets. The PCCHU RDs will be planning a media strategy so they will include promotions of local programs. **ACTION: Contact Susan (shubay@pcchu.ca) for more information.**

7.0 Adjournment

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

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