

Community Food Network Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 6, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
St. John's Anglican Church

Attendees: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chair), Peter Hughes, Dorothy Olver, Julie Stoneberg, Judy Girard, Peter Hughes, Mary McGee, Margaret Wright, Carol Winter, Marie Bongard, Joëlle Favreau, Alida Tanna (Recorder)

Regrets: Susan Hubay, Sonya Hardman, Dorothy Boddy, Brent Fudge, Terry Keating

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of items 7.1, The Story of Food and 7.2, Peterborough Local Economic Trading System.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2010

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Security Work Plan 2010-2011 Committee

Deferred until June 2010 meeting.

3.2 Bring Food Home Conference Report, March 2010 – Rosana et al

Peter and Dr. Pellizzari provided an update on the conference. It was suggested that the CFN make contact with Councillor Shirley Eggleton regarding her work with the Peterborough Youth Commission to identify initiatives where they could be involved.

ACTION: Dr. Pellizzari to follow-up.

3.3 School Gardens and PCGN – Peter and Mary

Mary relayed the outcome of discussions with the facilities department regarding school gardens:

- Preference for raised beds. A suggestion was made to look at the tennis courts at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary school as a possible location for raised beds.
- Community partnership is critical to sustain the gardens. There was a question raised whether insurance would be required. Peter recalled that the City did not require additional insurance but a guideline/waiver would be expected. Co-insurance would be a deterrent in moving this initiative forward.
- Protocols must be followed. There is currently work going on at the board level on composing initiatives. **ACTION: Mary to contact city staff person (Ann) involved with community gardens and policy development.**
- Watering systems must be identified, downspout systems are not possible as they are a hazard for children. Very few schools have outside taps. A suggestion was made to encourage a Grade 11 environmental science class to look at ways to collect rain as part of their course work.

Additional suggestions from the group included locating the gardens in the front of the school (vandalism would be less likely to occur), do not surround them with high fences, and focus on growing root vegetables.

Mary also relayed that there are 2 new school garden sites: Ridpath Public School in Lakefield and potentially one in North Cavan.

3.4 Living Wage Bylaws – Rosana

No update.

3.5 Special Diet Update - Rosana

Special Diet funding has been eliminated for OW and ODSP recipients as announced in the provincial budget. The responsibility for this is being transferred out of the Ministry of Community and Social Services to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC). The timeline for this has not been confirmed, however a review and reframing of the program will take place once it is with the MOHLTC. **ACTION: Dorothy will confirm details and advise the CFN by email.**

4.0 Round Table

4.1 School Update – Mary McGee, Terry Keating

Deferred.

4.2 Community Gardens – Jillian, Peter, Joëlle, Paula

The Peterborough Community Gardens Network (PCGN) event, Neighbourhood Conversations: “Breaking New Ground for Gardening in Our Community” held at the library was well attended (62 people).

An outcome of the strategic planning session last month were three breakout meetings (dates still to be determined) to discuss youth, neighbourhoods and food security. **ACTION: Peter to report back when more information is confirmed.**

The next meeting for the PCGN is on April 15th at 3:30 p.m. at Green-Up.

4.3 By The Bushel Food Cooperative – Paula

Deferred.

4.4 Our Space – Margaret

Our Space is still adjusting to the new transition, however the new space is working out very well. They are looking to extend their lease, but also trying to find a more permanent location.

4.5 Gleaning – Lori

Deferred.

4.6 Food Security Community Partnership Program

Deferred.

4.7 JustFood Box Program – Joëlle

Joëlle relayed that they are looking for more drop off sites, particularly in the county. She has been in contact with Sonya Hardman. **ACTION: Dorothy and Joëlle to speak further after the meeting.**

4.8 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) – Rosana

Dr. Pellizzari has been unable to attend recent meetings, Margaret was at the last meeting. The PPRN is currently being restructured. A proposal will go forward to the Mayor to hire a position for this group to assist with coordination. An action group has been created to advocate raising minimum wage to the living wage.

4.9 Kawartha Food Share – Chris

Deferred.

4.10 Community Food Centre – Linda

Deferred.

4.11 Community Meals Update – Faith Community members

Out of the Cold program has finished for the season.

4.12 City of Peterborough Update – Sonya Hardman

Deferred.

4.13 Kawartha Choice – Karen Jopling

Deferred.

5.0 Items for Discussion

None.

6.0 Advocacy Opportunities

None.

7.0 Other

7.1 The Story of Food

The group watched USC Canada's short video – ***the Story of Food***, details and a link to this video were provided previously to the CFN via email. The attendees agreed that the video could assist in generating important discussions at other venues (ie. school classrooms). Julie Stoneberg advised that the USC is currently involved in international work on seed protection and representatives will be coming in May to speak to the fellowship.

7.2 Peterborough Local Economic Trading System (LETS)

Margaret provided a brief overview of the Peterborough LETS Exchange. The organization which has been in Peterborough for 15 years is a local barter system where goods and services are traded for green dollars which can be used to buy

goods or services. The website is located here: <http://ptbolets.50webs.com/>.

ACTION: Add to May meeting agenda.

8.0 Agenda Items for May 2010

- Peterborough LETS

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 4th 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, room to be confirmed.