

**Community Food Network Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
St. John's Anglican Church  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Attendees:** Dr. Rosana Pellizzari (Chairperson), Susan Hubay, Mary McGee, Julie Stoneberg, Jackie Farquharson, Jillian Bishop, Lori Sainte, Joëlle Favreau, Paula Anderson, Chris Kawalec, Alida Tanna (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Dorothy Olver, Kellie Walden

**Welcome and Introductions:** New members, Mary McGee (Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and Janet McCue (Our Space - unable to attend).

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of items 5.3 & 5.4.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2009

The minutes were approved as circulated.

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Food Security Work Plan 2010- 2011 and themes

Susan discussed finalizing some terms stemming from the September meeting and was seeking consensus. Suggested changes to the framework were recorded by Susan and will be incorporated into the work plan. A request was made to strike a subcommittee to develop the plan, requiring a group of 6-7 members to meet (an estimated 3 times) to finalize details. **ACTION: Susan will send out revised sheet and put out a call to the CFN for members.**

3.2 Web Site Update – Susan

Bookmarks have been created to promote the new web site. The group discussed various methods of distribution, include through local bookstores and libraries. A suggestion was made to create a list of recommended books for Christmas around food and create a media story. **ACTION: Alida to send out contact list (removing email addresses) requesting if members support posting their name and title on the web site.**

#### 4.0 Round Table

##### 4.1 School Update – Mary McGee

Ms. McGee is the new Community Outreach Officer for KPRDSB, and will be promoting the community use of school space after hours at little, or no cost in the case of not-for-profit agencies. Anita Simpson will no longer attend CFN meetings.

##### 4.2 Community Gardens – Paula, Joëlle

Paula reported that Peterborough Greenup received a grant from the Trillium Foundation; the funding will allow for the development of a network for Peterborough Community Gardens, with strategic planning to take place over a 10 month period. The goals will be: growing kids and youth, growing neighbourhoods and growing food security. Once the trial period is over, Trillium is expecting a submission for a 3 year grant to continue this work. Paula has hired on two staff members to help with this program, Jillian Bishop and Peter Hughes. Joëlle reported that the YWCA will be creating a fully accessible garden with raised beds.

##### 4.3 By The Bushel Food Co-operative - Paula

The Co-op just had their first annual general meeting. 14 growers are involved in this co-op, and they were able to break even for the year. The consumer base has been very supportive and the co-op reported that 80%+ are satisfied. Moving forward, they are aiming to build the capacity of their growers.

##### 4.4 Our Space – Lori

Janet McCue is the new coordinator for Our Space. Our Space held a fundraiser in November where they were able to raise \$6,000. Lori advised that she is currently selling Christmas cards, made by Peterborough This Week. Part of the money sponsors Homegrown Homes (cost of the cards is \$10 for 25). A fundraiser will take place at the library over December. Our Space will be hosting a meal on Christmas Day. **ACTION: Lori to send out wish list for food for this meal to the CFN.** Lastly, Lori advised that Our Space currently does not have another home secured and may be closing by the end of December.

##### 4.5 Gleaning – Lori

Lori reported successful gleaning efforts over the fall. 21 buses were sent out to various farms, however smaller farms could not take buses. A variety of vegetables and fruit were picked from Caza Berry's and a number of other farms (over 2850 pounds of potatoes).

For future planning, she hopes to approach different groups for funding. Chris proposed contacting corporations (ie/ Quaker, Siemens) to organize a day of gleaning, however these opportunities are usually planned at the last

minute and would likely not work in these cases. Lori also advised that she is seeking additional volunteer monitors for the buses and fields.

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

Susan reported that she continues to work with Trent University to evaluate the program and is trying to ensure funding for 2010. The health unit has been successful in securing funds from various grants, and received one-time funding of \$50,000 from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

#### 4.7 Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network – Rosana

Given H1N1, Rosana has been unable to attend this meeting. She planned on attending an upcoming meeting later in the week and will report back in January.

#### 4.8 Kawartha Food Share – Chris

This is one of the busiest times at KFS for collecting food. Chris reported that supplies are lower and donations are down, however volume going out is increasing as they are supplying more agencies with food. KFS spent more money this year purchasing food than in the past (\$80,000 in 2009 compared to \$58,000 in 2008). They will be relying heavily on donations this month to ensure supply over the next few months. A 'three loonie' fundraising event will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed different messaging tactics, promoting 'feed a family' rather than 'give a can'. Rosana asked whether the KFS Board would like to have a community consultation, a number of CFN members expressed interest in participating in this discussion.

#### 4.9 Other

None.

### 5.0 Items for Discussion

#### 5.1 Bring Food Home Conference – March 2010

This conference will be held in March next year in Kitchener-Waterloo. The CFN discussed creating a Community Food Security Panel with representatives from Community Gardens, By The Bushel, Food Programs/Income and Seed Saving. **ACTION: Paula and Susan to confirm submission and deadline.**

#### 5.2 December Community Meals – Dec. 24, 25, 31, Jan. 01

Susan confirmed the following holiday meals:

Dec. 18 – CMHA, Brock Mission, St. Stephens

Dec. 19 – St. John's, St. Luke's

Dec. 24 – CMHA Supper Club

Dec. 25 – Our Space

Dec. 31 – CMHA Supper and a Movie

ACTION: Jackie and Julie to look into a meal for New Year's Day.

### 5.3 OMAFRA Funding Announcement

Rosana advised that a proposal for \$50,000 from OMAFRA had been approved and that a funding announcement would take place at the Health Unit on Friday by M.P.P. Jeff Leal. This information was confidential, however it was communicated so that the CFN could arrange for representatives to attend the press conference. Joëlle and Paula were going to arrange for people to attend.

### 5.4 The Stop Follow Up

Susan thanked everyone who attended the trip to The Stop in October. Joëlle was going to follow up with Nick Saul regarding a Community Food Centre. The group felt it was important to create a separate work group for the creation of a Community Food Centre, Jillian and Paula both volunteered to be a part of this group. **ACTION: Susan to include this on the CFN work plan and solicit for additional members.**

### 6.0 Advocacy Opportunities

#### 6.1 Do The Math – Rosana Pellizzari

Dr. Pellizzari circulated promotional postcards for this campaign.

### 7.0 Agenda Items for January 2010

- Community Brick Oven
- Community Garden Policy for the City

### 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

**REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at St. John's Anglican Church, room to be confirmed.**