

Community Food Network Meeting

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

10:00 am to 11:30 am - St. John's Anglican Church

Attended by: Susan Hubay (Interim Chair), Linda Slavin, Jackie Farquharson, Joëlle Favreau, Julie Stoneberg, Alida Tanna (Recorder).

Regrets: Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Dorothy Boddy, Chris Kawalec, Dorothy Olver, Peter Hughes, Maisie Watson, Terry Keating

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 5.5 (Round Table) and revision of item 8.0.

3.0 Minutes of May 5, 2009

The minutes were approved without changes.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Community Food Security Discussion

Linda Slavin presented the African model and it was agreed that we should use language from this and build it into the Nova Scotia model. A potential framework could be as follows:

- i. Short term relief/welfare charity
- ii. Capacity building/development
- iii. Awareness/liberation
- iv. Transformation/equity

ACTION: Susan will develop an interactive way of assigning the work plan under these areas which will be brought forward to the next CFN meeting.

The group also discussed a revision to the Food Security Definition and a decision was made to define it as follows:

A community enjoys food security when:

- all people, at all times, have physical & economic access to nutritious, safe, personally and culturally appropriate foods,
- food is produced in ways that are environmentally sound, socially just, and promote community self reliance,
- food is provided in a manner that promotes human dignity.

4.2 Food Storage Capacity

Dorothy Boddy sent her regrets for this meeting, however she has made initial contact with various churches regarding community garden spaces and hopes to provide an update at the next meeting. A request was made by Alida Tanna on May 19th by email for participation in a smaller subgroup (The Root Cellar Dwellers) to look the issue of food storage, however she did not receive any response.

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

4.3 Terms of Reference Review

This item was deferred with intent. The framework must be solidified before updating the Terms of Reference. The new food security definition identified earlier in item 4.1. must also be integrated into the T.O.R.

5.0 Updates

5.1 Web Site Update

Susan Hubay distributed a potential template for a microsite of the health unit (www.pcchu.ca/food) which incorporated previous feedback from the group including the creation of sections:

1. Need Food?
2. Get Involved
3. Create Change!

The group identified that an overview and inclusion of Peterborough facts/demographics would be useful as well.

ACTIONS: Susan requested that any feedback regarding this outline be sent to her via email.

5.2 Food Security Work Plan

Revisions to the work plan were discussed during item 4.1.

5.3 Put Food In The Budget

Susan confirmed that a plan of action is in place, details can be found at <http://dothemath.thestop.org>.

ACTION: Susan requested that the group visit this web site, and this item will be brought forward to the next meeting for discussion.

5.4 School Update

None.

5.5 Round Table

This will become a standing item on the agenda to address updates from various members.

By the Bushel:

- Linda advised that only 20 summer baskets remain. Enhanced baskets are also available. Mark Street United Church was identified as the destination for pick up. Cost for the basket is \$25, or \$640 for the summer.

Gardens:

- Ashburnham Garden is full and wet. GE volunteers and the Mayor were out working on this garden at a recent event.
- Northcrest Garden has been deferred until the fall or next spring due to approvals that are required to move forward.
- Linda Slavin has land available for gardening.

Gleaning:

- Lori brought in flyer samples for the group's information (one for participants, one for farmers). Caza Berry is now participating as well as McLean's and O'Marras.
- Lori is having difficulty with obtaining community contacts. There is a need to organize quickly as they are hoping to glean strawberries by the end of June. She usually receives notice at the last minute from farmers, although Caza Berry is able to give more time.
- Lori provided the following gleaning statistics:
 - 2005 – 379 Gleaners. Market value \$11,860.
 - 2006 - 288 Gleaners. Market value \$6, 224.
 - 2007 – 283 Gleaners. Market value \$3,683.
- **ACTION: Lori will work with YWCA Food Box contacts to identify gleaning contacts.**

Our Space:

- Our Space has cut hours. They are now 9am – 5pm and they will not be serving supper unless there is an evening meeting or program.

Food Security Funding

- YWCA – Food Security Partnership is trying to get more funding. A Brock Mission announcement is forthcoming. They will not be providing holiday meals.
- The Food Box subsidies may not be funded beyond June. Several proposals will be submitted (United Way, Trillium and Atkinson Foundation).
- Dr. Pellizzari will be meeting with M.P.P. Jeff Leal and Warden Ron Gerow regarding funding for various food security programs.

6.0 Items for Discussion

6.1 Summer Meeting Schedule

DECISION: It was decided that the next Community Food Network meeting would be held in September.

ACTION: We will aim to provide a monthly update via email to the group over the summer months. If you have any items you wish to include, please let Susan know.

7.0 Advocacy Opportunities

None.

8.0 Agenda items for September

- Food Security Definition review
- Community Food Security Framework Discussion
- Food Storage Capacity
- Food Security Work Plan
- Put Food In The Budget
- Web Site Update
- Round Table

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

REMINDER – NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 1st from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at St. John's Anglican Church.