

GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD: Minutes of Board Meeting, January 18, 2006

In Attendance: Chair, Don Collar, Marion Washington, Vivian Runnels, Huguette Jean-François, Pat O'Driscoll, David Brault, Jim Bogues, Ann Frederking, Marjorie Gardner

1) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from November 2005 were accepted on a motion proposed by Marion. They were amended to say "Christmas Exchange referrals started in November."

2) Business Arising

The volunteers' party will be held on Feb 4th at Marjorie's.

3) Reports

Operations report- Ann

- Ann stated that there were 2112 clients in November, 2146 in December and 24,016 for 2005.
- \$5135 worth of vouchers were given out at Christmas plus 21 frozen turkeys, Small families (1 or 2) were given small chickens or hams.
- Nine schools participated in Christmas food drives, with Divine's Transfer donating a truck and crew to pick up the food. Several other schools brought in their own food donations.
- Most tax receipts have been sent out.
- The kitchen ceiling was repaired in early January and a new counter installed.
- David Brault (new executive director) began working on December 16, he has been working alongside Ann in order to learn all aspects of the job.

Report from David Brault

- David thanked those who have been helping him in the transition.
- He followed the Divine's truck and had a chance to meet teachers and principals at the schools.
- He attended the Food Bank AGM and recommends we have a member on the board.
- He plans to meet with various community organisations.
- He suggested an alumni board function and the board agreed.
- He will be organising a CPR course for the volunteers.

Don thanked Ann for her tremendous contributions to the GEFC since 1988 and wished her well in the future.

Treasurer's Report

- Jim explained he was concentrating his efforts on preparing the year end report for the audit to be done by Richard Vroom.
- He will present the November, December and January statements in February.

- We will need to find a new volunteer reviewer for the books next year.

4) New Business

- Don presented a letter from Pierre Proulx stating that he was resigning from the board and all other volunteer activities. Don expressed our appreciation for all Pierre's work.
- Vivian reported she had attended a meeting on Food Security and gave a short presentation on it.
- Ann was invited to be a board member on a motion proposed by Pat and seconded by Jim. She accepted.
- The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 27th 2006.

5) Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on February 15th at 7pm.

PLEASE NOTE 7pm!!!

Minutes submitted by Marjorie Gardner