

**GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD
BOARD MEETING JANUARY 17, 2007**

CHAIR: Don Collar
PRESENT: Ann Frederking, Jerome Bower, Marjorie Gardner, Vivien Runnels, Pauline McNally, Pat O'Driscoll, Marion Washington, Huguette Jean-Francois, Jim Bogues, Glenda Dare (recorder)
STAFF: David Brault, Executive Director
REGRETS: Liz Hong-Farrell, Lisa Brown, Linda Lalonde

The minutes from November were approved.

Business arising from the minutes:

1) David reported that:

- a) We received \$5,000 from Telesat and will be making contact with them.
- b) David intends to make the Planned Giving program and box store contacts a priority for the next month.
- c) David will be attending the Lion's Club meeting to accept a check for the Magical Village.
- d) David did not stand for election to the Ottawa Food Bank Board this year.
- e) There has been no date set for the meeting to review last year's. Christmas Exchange, but overall, it seemed that the program worked better this year.
- f) We will be receiving three new computers through the RCMP volunteer who will also start new databases ASAP.
- g) Councilor Bellemare gave a \$1,000 check to the GEFC from last year's bar-b-q.
- h) All of the schools in the area have been contacted and will be followed up to arrange for food drives in Lent and Spring.
- i) The next emphasis in the office will be preparation of tax receipts.
- j) David expressed thanks to everyone for assistance during his absence.
- k) We will be sending the \$25.00 fee for membership in the Ottawa Food Bank.
- l) Distribution of Christmas vouchers and turkeys went very well. Donations from several sources meant that we have vouchers left over. UPS brought turkeys and still intends to make a contribution to the GEFC.

2) **Treasurer's Report end of year summary was submitted by Jim Bogues.**

- The report for the auditor to do the review should be ready by February.

3) **Stats for the end of the year were presented by Ann Frederking.**

- a) By end of 2006, the number of families authorized to come two times per month was up by 1/3.
- b) Only 926 families are currently on file; 203 were new in the last six months. 266

families left our books during the same time.

- c) 150-160 people had income registered in the computer as "NONE" ; this needs more attention and updating.
 - d) Thanks were expressed to Ann for doing the stats for this meeting.
- 4) Pat O'Driscoll represented the GEFC at the Ottawa Food Bank AGM and submitted his report.
 - 5) The tentative date for the GEFC AGM is April 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm.
 - 6) The volunteer party will be a pot-luck dinner on Saturday, February 3 at Ann's house.
 - 7) Next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2007, at 7:00 pm. (FOURTH Wednesday rather than the usual third Wednesday).

Minutes prepared by Glenda Dare.