



## **GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD:**

Minutes of Board Meeting, January 21, 2009

**In Attendance:** Don Collar (chair), Glenda Dare (recorder), Marjorie Gardner, Vivien Runnels, Tracy Martineau, Vern Greenshields, Valerie Hall

**Executive Coordinator:** Gwen Bouchard

**Regrets:** Jim Bogues, Marion Washington, Pauline McNally, Ann Frederking, Linda Lalonde

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Marjorie moved to adopt the minutes with one amendment. Valerie seconded.

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

Advocacy – The Board reviewed the Mission Statement of the GEFC, and discussed the component of supporting and encouraging reform and social change..... Gwen mentioned the community gardens, and Vivien discussed food security as two areas where interest may exist among our volunteers. If people are interested in getting involved in reform and social change issues, the Board would be interested in being contacted for further discussion on ways you would like to be involved. Information can be relayed to volunteers through the monthly newsletter.

### **Reports**

#### **1. Treasurer's Report: summarized by Don Collar**

In the absence of Jim, Don reviewed the financial summaries submitted by the treasurer, indicating that revenues give us a surplus of \$45,000.

#### **2. Executive Coordinator's Report**

- a. The annual use of GEFC: 17,634 people were provided food, which is down slightly over last year
- b. Fundraising –not enough volunteers were found to deliver all of the letters, but overall the response was about the same as last year. Final tallies have not yet been done.
- c. Access setup – Gwen was asked to contact other food cupboards first, to see if they already have a program we can use or purchase. If they do not, then she was asked to get a cost estimate for having the setup done professionally and to report back to the board.
- d. History of GEFC Booklet – It was decided that we would try to get the cover pages for this booklet printed in colour, but we will produce the inner pages ourselves.
- e. Gwen reviewed the fundraising efforts, city grant, Christmas programs, Parade of Lights, and other details elaborated on in her written report.

#### **3. New Business:**

- a. Hall of Fame: For 20-year volunteers, it was deemed a generally acceptable idea to put up photos of these volunteers with only their name added.
- b. Date for AGM: Wednesday April 29th, 2009 at 7:00 pm, if this allows enough time for the financial revue/audit to be completed beforehand.

**The next meeting will be held on February 18, at 7:00 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Glenda Dare.**