

**GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD
BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2008**

Attendance:

Chair: Don Collar

Present: Pauline McNally, Marion Washington, Tracy Martineau, Jim Bogues, Vivien Runnels, Vern Greenshields, Ann Frederking, Marjorie Gardner, Glenda Dare (recorder),

Staff: Gwen Bouchard

Regrets: Valerie Hall, Linda Lalonde, Sabreen Abu-Zeyada

Adoption of Minutes: We are still trying to find a copy of the minutes of last meeting held in June, 2008.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reports:

1) Treasurer's Report: Jim Bogues

- copies of the May and June statistics are in everyone's mailbox
- July - we received the city grant and other sources to increase the income to over the average for the year.
- There are no cash flow problems
- Investments are substantially larger than last year
- August – similar to 2007 stats
- We may consider the purchase of larger items from the surplus after the appeal campaign is complete in November.

2) Executive Coordinator – Gwen Bouchard

details of the report are available on a separate page

- statistics - fewer clients have been using the GEFC compared to 2007, although there are more families using us two times per month
- Ann requested that the 6 month statistics be made available to the Board
- University of Ottawa experiential learning program has contacted Gwen regarding the placement of three students who will work 3 hours per week until Christmas. They will focus on the website, general administration and fundraising.
- The summer student worked out well. She was a great asset, willing and did a good job. If she is interested, she could be considered for next summer.
- Proceeds from the Bellemare Bar-B-Q were \$1,355.13
- Fundraising: Fill-a-Bus September 13, October 18; Drop Campaign Oct 14 -27. Will be asking Food Cupboard volunteers and recruiting volunteers from outside to help with the campaign.
- Print-O-Matic is now doing our printing
- Wal-mart will not donate meat at this time
- We now have someone to do the McCartney pick ups
- We are now on a year long contract to Bell
- Christmas program – GEFC will start registering in November. Glenda has agreed to do the data entry.
- At the next meeting we should discuss turkeys and vouchers for Christmas

- Parade of Lights – the Nerds on Site would like to be involved again this year. We need to rethink whether we should put time into it this year. It was suggested that instead of trying to collect donations of food, it might be more reasonable to just have signs on the vehicles stating that Nerds supports the GEFC.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday - October 21, 2008 starting at 7:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Glenda Dare.