

Peterborough Food Action Network (PFAN)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2015

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

All Saints Anglican Church, Lower Hall, 235 Rubidge Street

Attendees: Kathi Curtin-Williams, Rebecca Weiss, Chris Kawalec, Marie Bongard, Sandra Whatman, Todd Barr, Joelle Favreau, Rosana Salvaterra, Carolyn Doris, Dorothy Boddy, Alida Tanna (Recorder)

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2015

The minutes were approved as circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Review Action Items from the Previous Meeting

- *Community Meals* – Carolyn and Chris spoke to this item. When the Brock Mission closes for renovations, they will not be able to maintain the Open Table program. The PFAN needs to work with community partners to develop an action plan. Chris has pulled together a small group to brainstorm on the minimum needs required to deliver an evening meal program (e.g. minimum targets, improvements, etc.). In the coming days, an invite will be issued to local stakeholders for a Community Meal Meeting which will be held on September 28 at 1pm at Seeds of Change, George Street United Church. Following that meeting, a working group will be struck to develop next steps. Members were asked not to contact stores/vendors until efforts can be coordinated. It was also agreed that funding for statutory holidays should be kept separate from this initiative. While the goal is to achieve 7 meals/week, the immediate focus is to replace the Open Table and cover the 5 days at a minimum. **ACTION: This item will be added to the next meeting as business arising.**
- Nourish Peer Advocates Survey Pilot – Joelle provided an update on the survey which was piloted at the Labour Day community meal by the peer advocates. There were two versions of the survey, a shorter version (with 11 questions) and a longer one (with 26 questions). There was very good uptake on the survey, and the advocates met for a debrief this week to see if questions needed to be changed and identify next steps. The plan is to have the survey done by Thanksgiving weekend. Other meals that the advocates will attend include those at St. Paul's, the Lighthouse and the Salvation Army breakfast. Dr. Salvaterra requested that the advocates ask the attendee whether they have already participated to avoid duplication. Joelle added that there are nine peer advocates in total, six are participating right now. **ACTION: This item will be added to the next meeting under business arising.**
- 2016-17 Work Plan Development – Work on this item will be deferred until after the federal election. Carolyn will send our further details in November.

- Communication to Federal Election Candidates re: Eat Think Vote – Dr. Salvaterra issued an email on behalf of PFAN to the four candidates in the three ridings. The email also included an invitation to the candidates to attend a meeting and learn more about PFAN.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Work Plan Items

- World Food Day Activities
Carolyn reviewed activities to celebrate World Food Day (October 16, 2015):
 - Dr. Valerie Tarasuk will be speaking at the Peterborough Lions Centre (347 Burnham Street) on Tuesday October 6th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the true cost of food insecurity in our region.
 - PFAN and Nourish will host a World Food Day Dinner at St. Andrew's United Church on Sunday, November 8th. Kids activities will start at 4:00 p.m., dinner (with the theme of root vegetables) will be served starting at 5:00 p.m.

6.0 Round Table Themes

6.1 Income Equity/Advocacy

(PPRN; Income Security Work Group; Nutritious Food Basket)

- PFAN Basic Income Guarantee Endorsement
 - The PPRN Steering Committee did not have quorum at their most recent meeting and as such, they were unable to endorse the basic income guarantee (BIG). The Board of Health endorsed the BIG at their September 9th meeting.
 - It was noted that the mandate letter for the new Minister of Community and Social Services, Helena Jaczek (former Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Health Services for The Regional Municipality of York) includes a complete reform of social assistance.

6.2 Emergency Food/Community Meals/Community Food Hub/Food Programs

(Kawartha Food Share; Faith Community members; Nourish Project; JustFood; Collective Kitchens; Gleaning)

- Feedback on Live City Food Map (*hyperlink: www.peterborough.ca/CommunityServiceMap*) - Chris reviewed the new mapping software which layers community programs and resources (e.g. women's services, recreation, food programs, etc.). It was noted that school nutrition programs should be identified accurately. **ACTION: Chris to follow up and revise.**

6.3 Urban Agriculture/Farming/Local Food

(PCGN; Farms at Work; Sustainable Peterborough; Farmers Markets; Peterborough Eats; By the Bushel; Seasoned Spoon; Kawartha Choice)

6.4 Food Policy

(PSPC; Municipal Update; Community Social Plan; Healthy Communities/Partners in Wellness)

- The Board of Health adopted a [food charter](#) developed by the Grey Bruce Health Unit. PCCHU staff are currently following up on how this will be adapted and implemented for Peterborough.

7.0 Other

8.0 Agenda Items for October 15, 2015

- Peer Advocate Survey Results
- Nutritious Food Basket
- Food Charter
- Community Meals Update

9.0 Meeting Highlights for Email Notice

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Parked Items

- Community Food Security Discussion (Kim Dolan, PARN)

Future Items

- Social Assistance Reform/Provincial Advocacy on Food Security

Meetings for Remainder of 2015

October 15, November 19, December 17.

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Any community member or organization is welcome to submit relevant updates which may be shared as part of the 'Round Table' section. The organizations listed below each heading are examples of each theme or grouping, and are not meant to be exclusive. If you cannot attend a meeting to provide your update, please submit them via e-mail to Alida Tanna.