



GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chair, Don Collar (List appended)

Introduction: Don Collar welcomed everyone and reviewed last year's activities. Special guests were recognized and asked to stand and introduce themselves. Regrets were sent from some invited guests. Don reminded everyone that we are celebrating a quarter of a century and that we are all special guests because we represent the heart of our community.

Presentation to Cameron and Sophie Hutchinson: Gwen Bouchard introduced these guests. They were singled out as unique contributor. Since 2008, they have asked their birthday guests to bring food for the Cupboard in lieu of gifts to them. Certificates and pins were presented. Don pointed out that these children represent the future and the present adding that so many of the children in our school help out.

Lion's Club presentation: Don introduces the group representing the Lion's Club. (List from Gwen) A cheque for \$4000 was presented.

Guest speaker: Jamie Hurst, Ottawa Good Food Markets: Jamie is the co-chair poverty and hunger working group. She points out that in 2013 it costs \$789/month to feed a family of 4 a healthy diet. Their project focuses on good food markets: selling in communities where healthy food access is limited. It turns out to be a community event, not just an opportunity to access food. Produce is sold at cost and the plan is to reach people in areas where they live. They are looking forward to 2014 as they will access 3 additional communities plus there will be more frequent markets at existing locations; also looking at a mobile market starting end of July running until the end of December.

Presentation from MMP Royal Galipeau: Mr. Galipeau spoke to the selflessness of the volunteers; an inspiration to other volunteers; not here to shore up a resume. He called this the GEFC's silver jubilee and gave his thanks to dedicated service over the years. In addition to a certificate from his office he delivered a message from the Prime Minister's office. Speaking to the importance of the assistance GEFC receives each summer, instilling and exchanging of knowledge, he presented a cheque for the summer student from the City.

Annual Report and Executive Coordinator's Report: Gwen Bouchard presented the Annual Report and the Executive Coordinator's Report for 2013. She made special mention of the 232,500+ hours of volunteer service hours over 25 years (at minimum wage \$1,789,238). Community has also given generously over the years as highlighted in the Annual Report. Over 12 million (rough estimate) worth of food has been handed

out over 25 years. The statistics are not as important as the people: all the people represent something special. Don added that when we all give a little, we all get a lot whether it is a can of food, an hour of time; little things that are done when put together make the difference.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bagues presented the Treasurer's Report for 2013. Jim mentioned that everyone that receives money from the City of Ottawa must have an auditor look over their books. Our auditor was satisfied with the state of our books.

Financial Statements: Motion by Marjorie Gardner to accept financial statements; seconded by Vivien Runnels. The motion was carried.

Minutes: Two errors/omissions were noted in the 2013 AGM minutes. Correction: "Jean Copeland" in volunteers being recognized (correct spelling). First line in Board Members should read "2013/2014". Motion by Don Collar to accept the 2013 AGM minutes; seconded by Jim Bagues. The motion was carried.

Election of Directors: Motion was made by Lynn Greenshields to accept the slate of Directors as presented; seconded by Ruth Turok. The motion was carried.

Recognition of GEFC Volunteers: Gwen Bouchard introduced the volunteers who were recognized for their 1 year, 5 year, 10 year, 15 year, and 20 year service to the community.

Closing: Don closed the meeting with a special thank you and gift to Gwen for her service for which she was awarded a standing ovation. Don then thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to Adjourn: Was made by Marjorie Gardner and seconded by Jim Bagues. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm for refreshments.