

FAUQUIER COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTION COALITION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2009

Members Present: Judy Raecke, Dave Raecke, Mittie Wallace, Ann O'Connor, Susan Dove, Bettie Kenny, Toya Finzel, Aubrey Smith, Colin Bogstrom, Matt Johnson, Karen Parti, Nancy Martin, Julie Emery

The November minutes were approved by the board.

The USDA says our books are in order!

November Distribution: 240 households/790 individuals. That's about where we were last year at this time. Community Action is no longer open on Saturdays so that is probably increasing our numbers.

The new system with tickets worked very well for Second Hand Graces. There were lots of coats and they went like hotcakes.

There's been an issue with people coming in to use the bathroom and using that to move up in the line.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$26,811.64. We earned \$44 in interest.

December Distribution:

We have 30 turkeys at church in various freezers. What's the best way to distribute them? Bettie will take 10 and put them in freezer to use with the families she works with.

Second Hand Graces will distribute coats and blankets this month. We've had a hard time getting enough blankets. The decision was made to spend \$1000 to buy 50 blankets. Aubrey is going to order them and will use the debit card.

The shoe boxes will be handled separately, like last year. We're hoping to do 200 shoe boxes this year. Do we want to use hand stamps to control access?

Collection will be at Giant this month. An issue was raised with the Salvation Army being there on those days as well. Is there any conflict? Aubrey will check.

Friday 4-6 USDA food will be boxed up. We need boxes again!

Old Business: There's been a problem with not getting what's on the list because we order a week a head of time. From now on we'll order the Tuesday of the distribution week. They'll pull the food on Wednesday.

501c3 – We're waiting for another form from the IRS. Mike Brown is taking care of the paperwork.

New Business: We need more Community Touch vouchers because there's a need for furniture. Social services has vouchers. They're tracking so people only use the system once. Peggy Floyd at Social Services is handling this and can be reached at 540-347-2316. There was a mention that there is a shortage of furniture at Community Touch right now?

None of the food recalls have applied to anything we've ordered so far.

Gainesville Baptist collected food for 2 months. We've run out of room to store food at the church so it's now stored in the van. The craft fair collected 2 carts of food and a total of \$440.

A lender in Fairfax is donating \$2000.

There is a Christmas Parade this weekend in Warrenton. The Women of Wonder will be collecting food for us. They are also collecting money. They want to come to our January 7th meeting. We are inviting the press to come to that meeting as well.

We spent about \$2100 on food in November and we'll spend the same amount this month.

We gave money to Community Action and to Culpeper last month. There was a discussion about whether we wanted to do that again. Where else can we help?

St. Stephens is cooking and delivering meals on the third Thursday of each month. They're providing 65-70 meals. They could do more if they had more volunteers. They could use a couple of turkeys. They'll also take any surplus food we have. Decision was made to donate \$500 to them. The contact is Susannah Grove.

About half of the people who come to the distribution are not on food stamps. Some of them likely do qualify. Mittie will get the new 2 page form to Ann and she'll bring it to the distribution. Eventually in February or March, Mittie hopes to have a volunteer there each month to answer questions.

The decision was made to get \$2500 worth of gift cards.

Wakefield wants to apply for another grant. It could be for storage. The question was raised as to whether we could construct a building on the church grounds to be used for storage. Susan will check on this.

Next Distribution: December 19, 2009

Next Meeting: January 7, 2010