



Present: Larry Tolton, Jennifer Hall, Kay Wong, Deneanne Quamme, De Whalen, Michelle Li, Jane Zalmadnik, Janice Lambert, April Reeves (GE Free BC)

Staff: Arzeena Hamir, Robin Winskell

Agenda

- Add - Report on community meal

Previous minutes

- Correction - Jennifer's Youth kitchen is called "Stir it up" not "Start it up"

Community notices

- Kay has a video available on DVD about nutrition
- Kairos is planning a fundraising event on the March 24th. They recently lost their core federal funding
- RCEN (Richmond Civic Engagement Network) is hosting an event April 14th
- Seth Klein will be speaking on May 4th - *Why BC Needs A Poverty Reduction Plan – How we all pay for poverty*

Community meals meeting

- They have agreed to visit each other's community meals and meet again at the end of April
- Discussion included funding, volunteers, the Food Bank's involvement
- Karen is preparing a report for the Food Security Committee

Summer Feast

- Karen, Mary and Georgina met to discussed having a major fundraiser for the Fruit Tree Project
- They are looking into having a "Canada Donates" button

Seedy Saturday

- Manure and worm sales went really well
- Approx. 200 people attended in 2 hours
- It received little press as the Olympics were front and centre

- The event will likely need to start occupying more space so we will need tents and more tables next year
- We could charge more for inside tables (only people selling things were charged for the tables)
- Q: Should we advertise? A: We had lots of people without advertising
- We can advertise free on Craig's List
- Next year we will set up a sub-committee
- The food was expensive(\$500 less donations) but well appreciated

School Gardens

- DeBeck School has been trying to get a garden going since September
- They have been quoted \$2200 which is three times higher than usual but we have been unable to get a breakdown of the costs
- The plots need to be close to the school for watering
- Suggestion: That the parents should write a letter to School Board with our support

Earth Day

- This year's theme will be a celebration of the new pesticide by-law by – maybe with dandelion fritters?
- There will be a free workshop on weed salads and how to pair vinaigrettes with your weeds
- Several other groups are interested in participating
- ACTION: Robin to circulate notice for people who are interested
- April 24th Terra Nova 10-2

BC Food Systems Network

- If you are interested in participating in their annual gathering, please let Arzeena know so she can include it in our budget

Next meeting April 15th 3:30-5pm Richmond Caring Place room 320