

**Foodnet Meals on Wheels  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, December 8, 2008**

**Present:** Board Members: Joy Blumkin, Chris Decker, Loren Gardner, Melissa Gatch, Eloise Green, Jim Henery, Bob Herdt, Sonya Islam, Bill Tomek, and Margaret Washington

Staff: Caroline Arnold and Steve Griffin

**Excused:** Lorraine Johnson, Mary Opperman, Jim Pratt, Elizabeth Schneider, Cathy Paddock

**Bill Tomek** called the meeting to order at 6:19

**Minutes of the November 10, 2008 Board Meeting:** Motion to approve by Melissa Gatch, seconded by Joy Blumkin

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Bob Herdt reported that there will be \$50,000 income in excess of expenses, finishing the year in the black due partially to purchasing vans through a donation rather than from the budget as planned.

**Development:** Loren reported that the year-to-date donations are \$73,568, which includes \$1,053 from the First Congregational Church. We are anticipating the award of an extension of the grant for the outreach worker. A letter has been sent for the year end appeal. There has been no official word on the outcome of donations to Foodnet/ Meals on Wheels at the Alternative Gift Fair, but the total of donations to the Fair was up from last year. The Development committee met with Keefe Gorman to discuss additional fundraising opportunities.

**Nominating:** There are currently 3 vacancies for the board that will be seated at the annual meeting in February. The committee met today, and reports that of 3 people who were asked to join the board, one has accepted. The committee hopes to wrap up the process by the end of the year.

**Staff Reports:**

Carolyn: The survey on client meal acceptance was completed by the student intern, Brianne Schmidt. The client satisfaction was positive overall.

One of the methods that other MOW agencies use to ease delivery concerns is to deliver cold meals that are to be reheated in either a microwave or conventional oven. Caroline attended training on the blast chilling method. This would require purchase of specialized equipment.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted by Christine Decker