

**Foodnet Meals on Wheels
Nutrition for the Elderly in Tompkins County, Inc.
Board of Directors 23rd Annual Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2009**

Present: *Board Members:* Joy Blumkin, Chris Decker, Loren Gardner, Melissa Gatch, , Eloise Green Jim Henery, Bob Herdt, Sonya Islam, Lorraine Johnson, Jim Pratt, Elizabeth Schneider, Bill Tomek, Hector Velez, Margaret Washington, Eileen Whang

Staff: Carolyn Arnold and Steve Griffin

Excused: Mary Opperman

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and New Board Members – Light refreshments and informal introductions, 6:00 p.m.

Bill Tomek called the meeting to order at 6:20

Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Board Meeting: Motion to approve by Jim Pratt, seconded by Margaret Washington

Election: A motion to install two new members to the Board by Lorraine Johnson, and seconded by Joy Blumkin. Elizabeth Schneider formally introduced Eileen Whang and Hector Velez to Board members. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion by Lorraine seconded by Joy to reinstate the returning members was passed unanimously. The returning board members are Chris Decker, Melissa Gatch, and Bob Herdt.

A motion by Lorraine, seconded by Joy to approve the slate of officers for 2009 was passed unanimously. Chair: Bob Herdt, Vice-Chair: Bill Tomek, Secretary: Chris Decker, Treasurer: Jim Pratt.

Eloise Green has finished her time on the Board, and was recognized with a plaque. Mary Opperman will be recognized at another time.

The Board currently has one position that is vacant, that will be up for reappointment in 2010. There was a discussion on whether to fill this one year position, or wait until next year. There are currently 14 members on the Board, which is more than the 12 minimum required by the bylaws. Bob Herdt suggested that we continue with 14 on the Board and fill the vacant spot next year. It was unanimously agreed.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Bob Herdt reported that Foodnet finished 2008 as strong as ever. Budget sheets were reviewed by Board members, and Bob noted that there was a positive balance sheet due to being able to cover depreciation. The building lease/purchase is currently the biggest expense, with personnel and food following. Careful management shows in the budget, and the finances are in good shape.

Lorraine questioned what is done with the remaining balance. Bob explained that it will be rolled over to the next year, and reflects receiving grants to purchase 2 vans.

Steve reports that Lisa Holmes, Director of the Tompkins County Office for the Aging described the current budget proposed by NY State. Cuts that are proposed were in last year's budget,

and were rolled over to 2009. There were no additional cuts proposed in the NY State budget so far for 2009.

Preparations are underway for the annual audit, Jim Pratt and Bob Herdt will be completing this in the next few weeks.

A Conflict of Interest statement was distributed to all Board members. This is to be signed annually.

A motion was proposed by Joy Blumkin and seconded by Melissa Gatch to continue banking services with Tompkins Trust Company and to adopt the "bank resolution by corporation" as provided by the Tompkins County Trust Company, with the names of the officers of the Board and executive staff qualified to act on behalf of the corporation. Passed unanimously.

Development: Loren reported that the annual fund returned \$14,000 above the norm this year. Upcoming events include the Victory Club Gala which will donate proceeds to Foodnet this year, and the Mayors for Meals program that will ask community leaders to deliver meals on 3/18.

The Development Committee needs members. Please contact Loren or Steve if interested in serving on the committee. There is a discussion of changes in development activities, and this would be an exciting time to be a part of the plans.

A January 30, 2009 Guest Column by James Brown published in the Ithaca Journal provided some very positive information about Foodnet's Nutrition Outreach Worker funded in collaboration by the United Way and the Triad Foundation. The United Way has approved the grant that will fund the outreach worker for a second year.

P.E.P. Committee: Chris Decker described the services of the committee.

Building and Property: Steve reported on the planned purchase of a new van with approximately \$12,000 of the cost funded by COFA, and the selling of an old van at auction. Jim Henery made a motion to purchase the new van. Bob Herdt seconded, the motion was approved. Jim Henery made a motion to sell the old van at the County Vehicle auction. Loren Gardner seconded, the motion was passed.

Staff Reports:

Carolyn: Reported on her role to meet nutritional guidelines with the menus, provide nutritional counseling to participants, do assessments of participants needs, and make appropriate referrals to other agencies. Carolyn also supervises the Outreach Assistant, who does reassessments and food stamp applications.

Steve: Reported on the duties of the Executive Director, providing an overview of Foodnet's mission, and his role of keeping Foodnet moving toward the bigger goal.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The next meeting will be on March 9, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42
Respectfully submitted by Christine Decker