

GALLATIN VALLEY FOOD BANK ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 27, 2010, 8 a.m.
Food Bank Conference Room

Present: Mitch Bradley, Donna West, David Ford, Jody McDevitt, Betsy Palmer, Shelle Egbert, Rick Cameron, Judy Mathre

Excused: Irene Eidet, Clark Finch

Staff present: Tim Trzinski, Heather Grenier

Old Business

Minutes

Rick moved that the minutes of April, be approved. Betsy seconded the motion which was approved.

Client and Inventory Report

Date	# households	# food boxes	# individuals	ave. households Per day	food in pounds	food out pounds
April 2009	1,119	1,151	2,580	50.86	88,745	110,142
April 2010	1,121	1,139	2,491	51.2	112,891	131,911

Ending inventory 12,733 pounds

The ending inventory was low because Tim expected the Postal Food Drive to increase food supplies. About 25,000 pounds were collected from the postal food drive.

Tim reported that we have reached a plateau in food boxes distributed. There were 142 new households served in April.

The Belgrade Food Bank statistics are as follows:

Date	# households	# food boxes	ave. households per week	pounds food distributed
April 2010	91	13	30.3	892

Fiscal Report April 2010

Year-to-date we have 110% of budgeted revenues for this fiscal year. With 83% of the year gone, 82% of the budget has been expended, leaving a net surplus of \$253,567.

If invested funds are included, the total cash available is \$434,836. Donations for April were \$7,294.

Fundraising has been good. Extra money has come from United Way. These were funds designated to the food bank. Tim hopes to have a fund balance of \$150,000 at the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

New Business:

Chuck Hoge Memorial

An apple tree will be planted as a memorial to Chuck Hoge in June. The board agreed that this was a good thing to do. David suggested that the food bank expansion could also bear his name to remember his service to hungry people.

Food Bank Updates—Headwaters Area Food Bank

David reported that their food inventory was good. They are getting new volunteers. Their biggest problem is storage space. They hope to start a community garden in Three Forks next year.

2010 Summer Lunch Program

The summer lunch program begins in Bozeman June 7, and in Belgrade on June 14. Monforton School will provide its own program this summer. There will probably be fewer children in the program this year. If grant funding for an activity is received an activity will be added to the lunch program at the open site.

Family Pack Program Pilot Report (Headstart)

Forty children participated in the Family Pack program in Belgrade. Lori spent 30 hours with the program. Families were surveyed to determine what they thought of the program, but only five surveys were returned. It was hard to know what families thought with the low return of surveys. If the program is to continue, it needs to be administered by Headstart.

Garden Project Update

The raised beds at the food bank have been planted. A grant from the Gallatin Gardeners for \$800 will provide a drip irrigation system to water the beds.

Research Collaboration Opportunity with MSU

Tim attended a planning meeting at MSU to develop research, education, and extension sustainable programs on local and regional food systems that will increase food security in disadvantaged communities and create viability in local economies.

Grants:

Pending:

- Mountain Sky Guest Ranch: \$10,000 (KidsPack)
- Big Sky Community Foundation: \$10,000 (KidsPack)
- GRASP Project Mini-Grant: \$1,000 (Food Program Outreach with MTFBN)
- Summer Lunch Activity Grant (ARRA): \$5,200

Received:

United Way: \$35,000 total award (\$26,950 GVFB; \$8,050 HAFB) This is a 33% reduction from the current year.

To be submitted:

- Gilhousen Family Foundation
- Washington Family Foundation

Food Bank Expansion Project

The final site plan will be submitted. Tim hopes to have final approval from the city in June and start construction next spring.

FY 2011 Budget Draft Presentation

The proposal for the FY2011 budget is about \$30,000 more than the current year, a 5% increase. This is due to the addition of one staff person plus a 2% COLA. There will be no ARRA funding next year. Tim is trying to hold the line on expenditures.

Strategic Plan Revision

Tim presented the organizational priorities for the food bank. They are:

1. Ensure improved access to food for underserved populations and areas.
2. Strengthen organizational and community capacity and the effective use of collaborative networks to fight food insecurity.
3. Increase the quantity and quality of nutritious food available for people in need.
4. Engage the community in the fight against hunger.
5. Advocate to influence policies that affect people who are hungry or food insecure.
6. Optimize all aspects of the supply chain to ensure the efficiency and maximum impact in the community.

His Soup Rescue Mission Update

Paul Thomas will close the shelter on June 19. He will continue feeding the homeless on the street and at the house. The GVFB will continue to provide food supplies to him.

Advisory Council Nominations Committee – Officer Elections and Term Renewals

The current officers said they were willing to be nominated again for another year. This will be decided at the next meeting. The slate of officers are:

- President – Mitch Bradley
- Vice Pres. – Donna West
- Secretary – Judy Mathre

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 24, 8 – 9:30am, at the Food Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mathre, Secretary