

GALLATIN VALLEY FOOD BANK ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
 Thursday, August 26, 2010, 8:00 a.m.
 Food Bank Conference Room

Present: Mitch Bradley, David Ford, Betsy Palmer, Judy Mathre; Irene Eidet, Jody McDevitt, Donna West, Justin Varley
 Excused: Shelle Egbert, Rick Cameron
 Staff present: Tim Trzinski, Lori Christianson, Deanne Slaughter, Heather Grenier

Old Business

Minutes

David moved that the minutes of June 24, be approved with the following correction: change the date under fiscal report from April to May. Irene 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
June 2009	1,064	1,098	2,472	48.36	139,534	107,224
June 2010	1,172	1,200	2,687	54	193,539	132,666

The number of food boxes distributed in June was 9.3% more than in the previous June.

July 2009	1,082	1,115	2,583	49.18	111,509	108,088
July 2010	1,057	1,075	2,512	50.8	120,931	113,973

The number of food boxes distributed in July was 3.6% less than the previous July.

There were 126 new households served in June, and 134 new households served in July.

The food bank received a donation of diapers which have been very popular with food bank clients with small children.

July Ending inventory: 106,041 pounds

The Belgrade Food Bank statistics are as follows:

Date	# households	# food boxes	ave. households per week	pounds food distributed
June 2010	122	13	30.5	1,803
July 2010	123	9	30.8	1,124

Fiscal Report – June and July

Tim reported that revenues are on track. The year end surplus was \$199,846.91, which exceeds the \$150,000 he hoped to have. Total operating expenses were 93% of funds budgeted. With the addition of invested funds the total cash is \$382,061.73.

Tim reviewed the fiscal year service summary.

Emergency Food Assistance Service: \$25.15 per food box distributed, a decline from the previous year.

Food Rescue and Recovery: \$0.074 per pound, slightly more than the previous year due to repairs to the van.

Senior Grocery Service: \$7.83 per senior per year or \$.65 per monthly distribution.

2009 Summer Lunch Service: \$2.29 per meal/snack.

KidsPack Program: \$2.10 per distribution for 38 weeks = \$79.90 per child per school year, a decline in cost from the previous year.

New Business:

Chuck Hoge Memorial

The date for the planting of the memorial tree will be September 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the food bank.

KidsPack Program

Lori discussed her report on the 2009-10 KidsPack Program evaluation. The report is based on answers to a survey given by the seven participating schools. The conclusion given in the report is as follows:

This study documents reasons why children participating in the Gallatin Valley Food Bank's KidsPack Program appear to be facing food insecurity, the improvement in office disciplinary referrals in one school participating in the program, and the multiple impacts of the KidsPack Program on children's overall well-being. The KidsPack Program is designed to assist children for whom government programs are not enough. Instead of overlapping with the efforts of food banks, the KidsPack Program appears to be meeting the food needs of children who might otherwise go hungry over the weekends. Food banks operate under the premise that parents will take care of their children. Some parents are not able to properly feed their children due to a combination of reasons related, but not exclusive, to economic hardship, illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, lack of willingness, and pride.

The findings also support the argument that KidsPack is an effective means to improve a child's self-esteem and self-worth. Additionally, the program improves participating children's relationships with other students and adults at the school. The child knows that they have an additional support system and community available for assistance if they need to call upon them. A child's self esteem and sense of security are crucial elements to understand in terms of their link between food security, school performance, and behavioral issues in the classroom. The decrease in disciplinary referrals and its effect on the classroom environment affect all students in the classroom community, not just those receiving food assistance. These findings support the continued growth and replication of the KidsPack Program in other schools and potentially other age groups in order to support educational advancement, physical and social health, and the emotional development of children who face food insecurity in their homes. The program's objective is consistent with the American Dietetic Association's position on child nutrition programs, "that all children should have access to appropriate food and nutrition programs for securing a food supply that promotes physical, cognitive, and social development". The results of this evaluation provide the validation for using the KidsPack Program to meet these goals.

Board members complimented Lori on her report, and suggested that it should have wider distribution.

Tim reported that he was looking for ways to match the \$5,000 grant from Mountain Sky Guest Ranch for the KidsPack Program. The Garage Restaurant is partnering with the food bank during the month of September to raise money for the KidsPack Program. Tim hopes to get a similar program going with restaurants in Belgrade, and perhaps in Three Forks.

West Yellowstone KidsPack Proposal

A request from Smilin' Jack, of Job & Social Service, requests assistance in funding the KidsPack Program in West Yellowstone. Tim said the cost would be \$3,200. Jody moved that the food bank fund the West Yellowstone KidsPack Program in the amount of \$3,200. David seconded the motion and it was approved.

Year End Inventory Report

	2009/2010	2008/2009	2007/2008
Total Donations	1,525,456	1,284,562	1,000,593
Total Distributions	1,549,590	1,297,664	1,025,254

Deanne said that the inventory in July revealed a 4.5% difference in what was originally determined by weighing and estimating donations and the actual amount donated and distributed. She said they would try to be more accurate in their reporting in the future. The board assured her that they thought this was not a serious discrepancy, and to keep up the good work.

Food Bank Expansion Project

The City of Bozeman during its review of the food bank's application for expansion required more work than the food bank had expected. In order to meet the city's requirements for approval the food bank will need to pay about \$15,000 to get the work done. Heather assured the board that the additional information will help her to put together a better grant request for funding. David explained that it is not unusual for this to happen during the initial application process. Tim said the David's advice during the process was invaluable.

Justin moved to authorize payment of the \$15,000 overage. Irene seconded the motion and it was approved.

Hail Damage to the Food Bank

Tim reported that hail this summer damaged the roof and siding of the food bank. The insurance adjuster estimated that there is just over \$26,000 damage to the building and vehicles. Tim will report on repairs as they occur.

Advisory Board Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the board. Board members made suggestions to Tim for people to fill the positions.

Upcoming Events

September is Hunger Action Month

September 20 – First Security Bank’s Harvest for the Hungry

September 23 – Volunteer Recognition Dinner from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at the food bank

September 24 – FOX/ABC Food-A-Thon at Town & Country Stores

October 2 – Northwestern Energy Event at MSU

October 3 – Gallatin Valley Crop Walk

November 25 – Huffing for Stuffing

December 11 – Gift of Food Community Food Drive

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 8:00 a.m. at the Food Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mathre, Secretary