



HAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

Newsletter #18

July, 2011

JULY 18th HCFS BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Evelyn Barton was elected to continue as Vice Chair for the next 2 years.
- Anita Zalewski was elected to serve as Secretary for the next 2 years.
- Maureen Wood accepted the Grant Writer's position on the Board.
- The statistical review comparing the first 6 months of 2010 with 2011 showed we're up in all categories. (please see reverse side for details)
- The Board was updated on the Summer Kids Interim Program (SKIP).
- Board input was sought about revisions to the HCFS brochure.
- Sealing the parking lot was discussed and will probably be completed before winter comes again.
- Tri-Chairs Sally Gagan, Donna Gilbertson and Whitey Gilbertson along with volunteers Jim Dier and Dave Owen presented a well organized and comprehensive report on the Weekend Meals Program (WMP) pilot project. The report included numerous monthly statistics about number of students assisted, pounds of food distributed, number of meals provided, feedback from the teachers who's students were involved, description of their packing and delivery process, use of community volunteers, letters of support and appreciation from Rotary and the Hayward Public Schools as well as several anecdotal stories.

They expressed an interest and strong commitment in continuing/expanding the program. They explained their projected numbers for both students and project funding. They requested Board approval to continue and expand WMP during the 2011-12 school year in the Hayward Public Schools.

During and following their presentation, they answered questions from the Board. The Board expressed appreciation for their efforts.

- The Board approved the continuation and expansion of Weekend Meals Program for 2011-12 in the Hayward Public Schools grades K-8. *NOTE: All funding for WMP has and will continue to come from donations specifically given to this program; no general donation to HCFS will be used for WMP.*

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

During our annual meeting held on May 25th, Maureen Wood and Anita Zalewski were elected to serve 2 year terms on the HCFS Board of Directors. Both bring great expertise, energy and commitment to the Board. Maureen's background in banking and church organization make her a natural for our challenges. Her major Board responsibility will be grant writing. Anita's background in education and local volunteerism will provide the Board with valuable insights and practical experience. Anita will serve as our new Secretary. Congratulations and thanks to both of them for taking on their new roles in our organization.



HARRY MOELLER

Harry was a great friend to the Hayward Community Food Shelf and we will miss him. When we lost our home at the VFW in 2007, Harry stepped in as general contractor and got our new home built. His expertise, local connections and energy made it possible for us to have the wonderful building we enjoy today.

Harry died July 13th. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family and friends. Memorial donations in his name may be made to the First Lutheran Church in Hayward.

HCFS spent

\$27,417

for groceries in the
first 6 months
of 2011.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Allan Rosenwald, Chair
Ev Barton, Vice Chair
Anita Zalewski, Secretary
Barb Schweig, Treasurer
Paul Callahan, Operations
Marl Reeder, Special Events
Nancy Ruhlow, FMP Purchasing
Larry Rusk, Purchasing
Maureen Wood, Grant Writer

Special Board Assignments (non-Board positions)

Marie Deeg, Thank you Writer
Carol Freels, Historian
Bob Haider, Cooler/freezer Coordinator
Katie Loving, Emergency Services

LET'S COMPARE

January—June	2010	2011	Change
Orders filled	1555	1673	↑ 8%
Individuals helped	1365	1510	↑ 11%
Food distributed	74,102 lbs	82,204 lbs	↑ 11%
Families registered	555	627	↑ 13%

Congratulations on a job well done everyone! That's a lot of people helped with their food needs. We're making a difference to people of all ages in Sawyer County. But, get ready, our numbers always increase during the second half of the year. Our job isn't done yet.

* poundage is estimated based on sample weighings



EATING TO HELP OTHERS

R & R Bayview is dedicating every Tuesday night to helping feed those in need. Half the cost of every meal will be donated to the 4 food shelves in Sawyer County. (HCFS & ICAA in Hayward, Meteor Hills in Exeland, Harvest of Friends in Winter). Their goal is to raise \$3000 this summer.

Last year they donated a portion of their proceeds to each of the 4 food shelves each Tuesday in July. This year, they're giving even more. Thank you again, Tony & Lori DeJooode, owners of R & R Bayview.

R & R Bayview is located on the Chippewa Flowage off CC just south of B. Please support this local business who's continuing their efforts to support us help others.

HELP REQUESTED

Peace Lutheran Church is hosting a food and fund raiser for HCFS on Saturday, August 13th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They need help running games and various other things. If you're willing to assist them assist us, please contact Michelle McKay directly at 715-634-3144 or mattmckay@centurytel.net



HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW

Created during the summer of 2009 by donations primarily from Beehive Botanical, this is the 3rd year of growing vegetables on HCFS land for our clients. We provide the land and water. Local groups and individuals provide the seeds/plants and labor to produce the food. Mark Gagan (yes, he's Sally's husband) is a Master Gardener and does the planning and organizing of the garden. 4-H and other groups and individuals assist with the actual growing and harvesting. Last year, they produced 152 pounds of fresh vegetables for our clients. If you'd like to become involved with this effort, please contact Mark directly at 715-634-8328. Any and all assistance with weeding, watering and harvesting is welcome!



THANKS TERRELL!

At the HCFS annual meeting/picnic held on May 25th, Allan Rosenwald presented Terrell Boettcher with a specially engraved apple for his 25+ years as Secretary for HCFS. Terrell, we'll miss you on the Board but look forward to continuing to working with you in other ways.



THEY KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

... the food up to us, that is. HCFS receives 2 deliveries every month from Feed My People (FMP) in Eau Claire. Sometimes they bring our order in a semi, sometimes in just a big truck. We get 4 to 8 pallets of food each time. (The pallets are 4' X 4' and about 5' tall.) A crew of 10 – 15 HCFS volunteers receive the deliveries and store the items appropriately in the Shelf. If you're interested in helping (or even just seeing it happen), there's a list of delivery dates and times posted at the Shelf next to the sign-up sheets. Everyone is welcome. No reservations required. If you have questions, see Nancy Ruhlow.

Purchasing from FMP helps us stretch our donated dollars. Here are a few examples of some of the good buys we get from FMP:

Mayonnaise - \$.27 per quart jar

Meat - \$.14 per lb.

Rice - \$.39 per 1 lb. bag

5 gallons of hard boiled eggs - FREE

50 lbs. of potatoes - FREE

Sometimes, our choices are strictly financial ones. Here are a few examples of those:

1 sleeve cracker \$.22 (FMP) VS 500 — 2 cnt pkg \$.56 (FMP)

102 oz tomatoes \$1.03 (FMP) VS 28 oz \$.89 (Aldi)



EXTRA FOOD JUST FOR KIDS

The Weekend Meals Program (WMP) distributed 7,351 lbs of food to students in Hayward Public Schools grades K-5 in January through May this year.

The Summer Kids Interim Program (SKIP) distributed 1,394 lbs of food to Hayward Public Schools grades K-8 in June. This program will continue in July and August.

Total to date = 8,745 lbs.

HCFS MISSION

To provide food to those in need in a efficient, compassionate and non-judgmental manner.

