

# **Hampton Food Basket | Annual General Meeting Minutes**

## **St. Alphonsus Church**

**November 19, 2024 - 7:00pm**

**Present:** Celeste Reid-McPherson, Dee Dee Holland, Alyssa Margeson, Carolyn Parent, Lisa Bettel, Katie MacDonald, April Daneluzzi, Gary Bolton, Art Roy & members of the public.

**Regrets:** Leslie O'Brien

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Celeste at 7:00pm.

**2. Welcome and prayer**

Celeste welcomed the board members and those attending from the public then started the meeting with a prayer.

**3. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Art and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

**4. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2024**

No questions or amendments brought forward. Motion to approve minutes of October 8, 2024 meeting by Alyssa and seconded by April. Motion passed.

**5. Introduction of Board of Directors**

Celeste introduced each Board member.

Terms for 4 current Board members are up this year: Celeste, Lisa, Alyssa, Katie. Ryan has resigned from the Board due to his moving out of town and Katie will not be reoffering. Therefore, there are 5 vacant Board seats.

**6. Overview of the accomplishments of the Food Basket for 2024**

Dee Dee, Operations Manager, provided an overview of the accomplishments over the past year:

- Dee Dee introduced the Operations team: Bev Reid, volunteer co-ordinator; Gary Bolton, food co-ordinator and Leslie O'Brien, treasurer. Unfortunately, Leslie was not able to attend the meeting.
- We now operate on a 2-month rotating cycle for the items in the client offering.
- We have experienced a 13% increase in clients for 2024 over 2023.
- 2 million Canadians have visited food banks Nationally this year.
- There are presently 89 active volunteers; 10 new since January

- FDA and the local Independent have been providing weekly donations; we have received over 30,00 pounds of food from FDA and 1300 pounds from the Independent.
- We have received new shelving units, new busing carts and 4 new shopping carts. Floyds Appliance Store donated a new refrigerator.
- 40-43 deliveries are made to clients each month
- An evening shift (6pm-7pm) has been added to the Thursday client day to accommodate those that cannot come during the day including those that work.
- The clothing drive held in November was very successful with 140+ clients and new comers participating. Next day a promotion was held for the town residents – fill a bag for \$10 which raised \$950. A spring clothing drive is under consideration.
- Hampton Food Basket is now a member of the Hampton Chamber of Commerce which provides networking opportunities and more exposure in the community.
- After The Bell promo was run again this past summer to provide extra food to the school age children.
- Community Garden continues to partner with the Food Basket and provide a large amount of fresh produce for our clients.
- Hampton Food Basket continues to be supported by many local businesses and service groups.
- National Standards are being worked on in conjunction with Food Bank Canada.
- Christmas Campaign will emphasis Cash, Cards & Cans.
- The Food Basket will be participating in a number of events running up to Christmas.

Motion made by Lisa and seconded by April to accept Operations report.  
Motion passed.

## **7. Financial Report**

Financials were covered by Celeste in Leslie's absence.

Present bank balance: \$77,723.80

Present investment balance \$225,611.93

Expenses year to date \$122,750.41

#### **8. Amendments to existing By-laws**

No amendments were brought forth.

#### **9. Introduction of candidates for election**

Carolyn Parent took over as Chair as Celeste's term on the Board was up.

The following have offered to take a seat on the Board. Each candidate introduced themselves and shared why they would like to be on the Board. Kathy, Jamie and Bonnie were not present due to illness or business commitments; their letters of offer to join the Board were read to those present by Dee Dee.

There were 9 candidates for 5 vacant seats so an election was necessary. All present were offered a ballot and instructed to vote for up to 5 candidates.

- Kathy Beals
- Lisa Bettel
- Jennifer Botsford
- Matt Ferguson
- Jamie Gamble
- Bonnie Hourihan
- Vanessa King
- Alyssa Margeson
- Celeste Reid-McPherson

#### **10. Election of Directors**

After the vote the following individuals were elected to a seat on the Board.

- Lisa Bettel
- Matt Ferguson
- Jamie Gamble
- Alyssa Margeson
- Celeste Reid-McPherson

#### **11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Gary and seconded by April.