

East End Time Bank
Minutes of Meeting of the Kitchen Cabinet
May 5, 2005

Members present: Robin Lakin, Kate Quin-Easter, Cynthia Fitzgerald, Joan Sheedy, Mauel Jose Orantes

Absent: Bob Fitzgerald, Heather Curtis, Maria Cron, Kym Dakin, Julie Sawtelle, Ed Democracy, Liz Kear

Guests: Delores Lanai, Cynthia Burnham, Linda Hogan

Update from Robin

- Kate Quin-Easter is now working twice a month at the EETB writing and publishing the now **Monthly** newsletter. May's issue is being mailed this week. As a result of feedback from members the focus is now primarily on upcoming events.
- New England Time Banks newsletter is published quarterly and was mailed today. It includes updates from all Time Dollar Networks in New England.
- Members are needed to work in the EETB office (Robin is lonely in her new space). Robin is proposing that people sign up for a 4hour block of time that they can commit to on an ongoing basis so that there can be more consistency and professionalism, especially in answering phone queries.
- Ideas were discussed as ways to communicate to receptionist staff as to the status of other staff in the office-ie-dry erase board with magnets, etc.
- May 1st was Time Dollar Day and each of the New England Time Banks sponsored a community volunteer event. EETB members participated in a "garden party" at Silly's Restaurant on Washington Ave. Approximately 12 volunteer showed up to spruce up the back patio and garden area. Photos of this event will be in June's newsletter. A second event is scheduled for May 22nd to finish the "party".
- Silly's restaurant is a new Time Dollar member and has developed a special menu for time dollar member to eat there twice a month for time dollars. Yeah for Silly's!
- Kate suggested that we try to get Chicki's Fine Diner in Westbrook to become a member.

- Kim Dakin is now the Ambassador Coordinator for the EETB and training is scheduled for May 11th. The response for people who are interested in becoming ambassadors for Time Banking has been good. John Warren has been scheduled to do a public speaking training for new ambassadors

Linda Hogan- NETB's new Social Architect joined us to provide details about the upcoming fund raiser at the Center for Cultural Exchange on May 19th. Brochures were distributed and K.C. Members were encouraged to try to sell tickets and/or think about businesses that might be interested in being corporate sponsors. Time Bank members are producing the entire event. Cabinet members can communicate directly with Linda regarding ticket sales at: hoganl@maine.rr.com.

(Note to Robin- Consider asking Time Warner to donate cable access for EETB, and/or be a corporate sponsor for future fund raising events)

Revision of Kitchen Cabinet Expectations

The bulk of the meeting was spent in discussing and revising the document, which outlined the responsibilities and expectations of the Kitchen Cabinet. Absenteeism by Cabinet members has been an ongoing issue, thus, the main discussion revolved around clarifying the policies in this area. Dolores Lanai agreed to re-do the document including the agreed upon changes and get the document back to Robin so that she can circulate it to all of the K.C. members.

Merger of Portland West Time Bank with EETB- Robin asked for feedback regarding this proposed merger as there is a meeting next week between the two organizations to discuss this proposal. General consensus seemed positive with questions about administrative logistics.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. June's meeting will actually be the Bridging The Gap Graduation June 2nd at 6:00 – 8:00 at Adams School on Munjoy Hill