



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE  
FOOD BANK OF ALASKA  
ANCHORAGE  
NOVEMBER 19, 2009  
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.**

**Toll Free Number: 1-866-316-1519    Participant Code: 723725**

**MINUTES**

*Attendees:*

1. Jennifer Nieves - Catholic Social Services
2. Andrea Thistle - Valley Open Bible Fellowship
3. Vanessa Salinas - Alaska Food Coalition
4. Diane Jeska - Homer Community Food Pantry
5. Mariya Lovishchyk - The Glory Hole Juneau
6. AnnaBell Stevens - United Way
7. Alexanna Salmon for Tanya Salmon - Igiuigig Tribal Council
8. Abby Huggins - Nome Community Center
9. Jessyca Elgart- Salvation Army
10. Shodie Akin for Jo Dawson - State of Alaska Child Nutrition Services
11. Brian Epler - AWAIC, Inc.
12. Susannah Morgan - Food Bank of Alaska
13. Robin Stilwell - Food Bank of Alaska
14. Mike Rochin - New Hope on the Last Frontier
15. Linda Swarmer - Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
16. Alice Holinger - Food Pantry of Wasilla
17. Gregory Nothstine - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
18. Nancy

*1. Welcome: Andrea Thistle, President*

*2. Member Update – Postponed*

### *3. AFC Updates*

#### Coloring Contest Winners

Art: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Cucuaq Katcheak, Nome, 5  
Runner up: Alicia Silcott, Anchorage, 11

Written: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Michael Whiting, Anchorage, 17  
Runner up: Joseph Perdue, Anchorage, 14

1<sup>st</sup> place contestants will receive a gift certificate; all contestants will receive a certificate of thanks from the Alaska Food Coalition. Winner's submissions will be used in advocacy materials and posted on the AFC website.

Membership Drive: As of 11/19/09, AFC has 79 members. The AFC Website will be updated 12/01/09 with the FY2010 membership list.

Mini-Grants: 19 applications were received, 2 after the extension. The scoring was adjusted to give 10 points (out of a possible 100) to agencies who submitted before the extension. Committee members are reviewing the applications, to be returned to the AFC manager by Friday, December 4. Lance Johnson, Nome Community Center agreed to fill a recently vacated seat on the committee.

School Breakfast Program Update: Vanessa has created a communication plan for outreach to supporters and decision makers. A sample resolution has been created with the help of the Alaska Nutrition Association for distribution to school board members, administrators and other supporter of school meal programs. The resolution has been distributed to school board members from Yupiit and Lower Kuskokwim School Districts per their request for more information. Additional outreach is planned.

### *4. 2010 AFC Annual Meeting Preview*

Vanessa will email AFC members the 2009 meeting agenda for comments and suggestions for the 2010 meeting along with information on travel scholarships and hotel reservations.

Meeting Dates: Sunday February 7 – Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Place: Westmark/Baranoff Hotel, Juneau, AK

Deadline for Hotel Reservation: 1/7/2010 Cost per room: \$119.00

Group Code #: ALFO020710 (first four digits are alphabetical, the next seven numerical) 1-800-544-0970.

A member contacted Vanessa requesting discussion to have the 2011 annual meeting in Fairbanks. Call participants agreed they like having the meeting in Juneau for the purpose of meeting with legislators. The legislative breakfast has become a standard. A request was made for a training manual/presentation on how meet with legislators. Vanessa will prepare a presentation and post it on the AFC website before January.

The Juneau meeting is on Super Bowl Sunday, a Super Bowl theme was suggested for the breakfast.

*5-6. No other business, concerns or issues.*

Call ended: 2:50 P.M.