



September 27th, 2016 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Street 14 Coffee

Present: Allie Evans, Matt Stanley, Danny Rasmussen, Andrea Larson-Perez, Todd Holm, Dan Reef, Angela Sidlo

Absent: Beth La Fleur (excused), Norma Hernandez (excused), Brad Hill (excused).

Public present: None.

Call to order: Allie called the meeting to order.

Agenda: There were no changes made to the agenda.

Member Comment: The board received an email from a member concerned about the amount of plastic container products the co-op is carrying. Although most of our plastic is made from 100% post-consumer recycled plastics, a lot of it is not recyclable in our area. Matt said that we plan to offer more green options in the new store, and that we should follow up with Recology to see if these concerns can push them to expand their recycling program.

Upcoming Dates: October 6th is the next Farm to Fork dinner. October 25th is the next board meeting. November 29th is the following meeting.

Approve August Minutes: Dan motioned to approve the minutes, Todd seconded, all approved.

Annual Meeting Debrief: There was a wide range of interesting questions and comments from members. Many long-time co-op owners were in attendance. The board plans on discussing the form and function of future annual meetings during their next board retreat.

Review Updated Market Study/Trends Report: The board reviewed an updated market study. Included in the study was a three-year sales projection. The study should improve the co-op's financial position in the expansion process. The board also discussed a trends report, which highlighted the increased amount of competition in the natural foods industry.

Beans for Bags: The board unanimously approved the North Coast Land Conservancy, Lower Columbia Hospice, and the Astor Opry House for the 4th quarter Beans for Bags jars.

Expansion update: The board entered executive session to discuss updates regarding the expansion process.

Manager Report: Monthly and annual sales growth continues to be very strong. Matt and Thane attended a NCG conference in St. Paul. The newsletter had a new, attractive makeover. The board discussed the pros and cons of switching over to LED lighting, and ultimately decided to make the switch.

Meeting adjourned due to darkness at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Rasmussen, Minutes Boy