

## December 3, 2004 Ypsilanti Coop General Membership Meeting

- Manager's Report
  - Sales are down slightly
  - Lighting was improved
  - Fairshares
    - This year the cards will be blue.
    - The money collected will be used to increase inventory and to make repairs to the cooler.
    - We are looking into new bulk bins and a deli counter.
- BOD Report
  - Books have been updated
  - We have requested a crackdown on parking violations and they have done so intermittently.
  - Our landlord (Millworks) renewed the lease to the north of the building. The railroad won't sell except at a steep price.
  - Mike and Karin attended workshops for reading financial statements.
  - We began work on an outdoor café, but put it on hold.
  - The freighthouse has closed and may re-open in the spring. We will need to use the firehouse or the Luther Immanuel church for meetings.
  - The BOD is considering a partnership with Millworks and would need to raise money for that.
  - DDA
    - Cross St. parking was okayed, but need to wait until warmer weather for striping.
  - Food for Thought Book Club
    - Monthly meetings seem too often, so the club will meet every other month. The next book is, "This Organic Life" by Joan Rye Sussow. After that will be, "Eat Here". Meetings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Coop.
  - Quilters Club
    - The article in the Ann Arbor News was mentioned.
    - There are about 10 people involved.
    - The club meets on the second Saturday of the month.
  - Solar Panels
    - Permission to spend \$6,000 on solar panels was obtained.
    - We expect to save about 5% off our electric bill.
    - Meters will be installed near the cash register to show grid and panel power.
  - Mission statement – We legally need to have a mission statement and do have one. We are going to work on a shorter version.
  - The Ypsi Green Party donated \$30 to help cover the insurance deductible for the break-in.

