

YFC General Member Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 15, 2005
6:00 pm at the Co-op

- Don started the meeting at 6:00. There were no modifications to the agenda.
- Brian Filipiak, standing in for Ypsilanti mayor Cheryl Farmer, read a proclamation declaring May 15, 2005 “Ypsilanti Co-op” day.
- Board report (Mike)
 - We are not meeting at the Freight House because repairs are not completed.
 - We are in our second year of collecting fair shares. The color of the card this year is blue.
 - The board has been reviewing the bylaws and regulations governing organizations like ours regarding the number of General Membership meetings that must be held each year.
 - This was precipitated by the closing of the Freight House and the difficulty in finding a place to meet.
 - Attendance (or its lack) was another factor.
 - We must have one meeting a year.
 - Addition meetings can be held by either petitioning the board or asking a board member to call one.
 - Instead of additional meetings we will try to have more fun events with food and entertainment.
 - The mission statement will remain as it is in the handbook. An abbreviated version will be displayed on a poster in the Co-op.
 - A qualified individual for investment in the Millworks partnership is still desired and needed. Interested people should talk to Corinne.
 - Three members of the board will be attending a workshop next week aimed at educating members of boards.
- Manager’s report (Corinne who also reported on the rest of the items in the meeting)
 - 2004 sales were just under \$500,000.
 - 2004 sales were up 2%.
 - This year’s sales are up 3%.
 - Jackie has made a number of large improvements in the deli and we now offer food on a daily basis.
 - Our involvement in the NCGA, which provides the CAP deals, has become more involved.
 - Fair shares for last year were \$7,000. This year they have brought in \$5,000 so far.
 - Most of our capital improvement loans will be paid off at the end of June.
- River Street bakery and Co-op renovations
 - We have assumed control of the bakery.
 - Initially the bakery will offer break, granola, and goodies. A suggestion was made that it also offer pizza.

- Eventually the kitchen will be moved to the bakery and the Co-op space expanded. Corinne anticipates that all this should double our sales.
- Heritage Festival and Quilt
 - The quilt squares have been pieced together, but there is still a fair amount of work.
 - We will need people to help out in the booth.
- Food for Thought book club
 - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every other month.
 - The upcoming meeting this month was cancelled.
- Solar panels
 - We received a state grant for \$6,000. Dave Strenski and Blue Sky Carpentry are doing most of the work.
 - Four panels are on order
 - There are energy viewers in the back which will show how much energy comes from the panels and how much from the grid.
 - We expect to get about 10% of the energy that we use from the panels.
- Elections
 - Paul and Karin ran unopposed and were re-elected by proclamation.
 - There is still one open seat on the board.