

**YPSILANTI FOOD COOP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 19, 2011 / 6:25 P.M. AT THE LADIES' LITERARY CLUB**

1. Introductions and welcome by Liz Dahl MacGregor

Members introduced themselves (approximately 30 attendees total).

2. Board report (Mike Gelletly reporting)

Board activities this year have included:

SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

Purchase of a share in the Millworks Partnership

Maintaining a continuous dialogue with the Co-op's manager regarding plans for the store's expansion

Authorization of a Member Loan campaign

Empowering the General Manager to manage physical expansion of the store to 5800 square feet, and expansion of the Co-op's office space to 800 square feet. Expansion work will focus on office space, a deli station, bakery service, seating for prepared food, an expanded kitchen, new freezer, expanded walk-in cooler, and new grocery shelving, check-out counter, lighting, and paint. The upper limit of the budget for this expansion is \$250,000.

One longtime employee retired from Co-op employment this year.

Dave Strenski and Corinne Sikorski reported the completion of the Co-op's solar expansion.

One Co-op board member resigned. Paul Fisher, a former Co-op board member, was appointed to complete that member's term.

3. Manager's Report (Corinne Sikorski reporting)

Sales up 7.9%

Expanded into 800 square foot office space on the second floor

Solar project: \$86,000-worth of solar infrastructure added to the store

Bee Project continues (Lisa Bashert will report on this)

Farmers Market: Co-op provides EBT service

Millworks: we are involved in keeping up the building and its landscaping

Physical changes to the building have officially begun

We will add new dairy cooler, and double our existing space as a result. We will also add a new freezer and checkout counter. All this will begin to happen in the next few months.

MDOT is redoing the crosswalk in front of the Co-op in order for there to be a safe River Street crossing.

4. Finance Report (Karin Keim reporting)

Refined the Co-op membership Balance Sheet included in the 2010 Annual Report. She explained terms and categories used in this report.

5. Honey Bee Project (Lisa Bashert reporting)

The number of hives is now 5. Their locations are: New Farm at St. Joseph's hospital; Honey Bee Alley at the Co-op; Growing Hope. There are thirteen beekeepers and volunteers. To address and mitigate against Colony Collapse Disorder is one reason why we're undertaking this project. More information is in the annual report.

6. Farmers Market (Keith Shoemaker reporting)

The Co-op participates in the Downtown and Depot Town Farmers Markets, as a vendor of bakery items and cheese, as well as by providing credit card transaction capabilities, EBT transactions, and Double-Up Food Bucks.

7. Member Loan Campaign (Jeff Clark reporting)

The Co-op hopes to borrow up to \$100,000 from its member-owners. Jeff outlined how the program would work, and also on how interested members could begin to participate, via the disclosure statement and subscription agreement.

8. Board of Directors Election (Liz Dahl MacGregor leading)

For three open seats, two directors were re-elected: Thomas Kula and Karin Keim. One seat remained vacant.

9. Potluck dinner

Attendees enjoyed delicious food and conversation, as well as beverages kindly donated by Northville Winery, Unity Vibrations, and B. Nektar.

*The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.*