

**Ypsilanti Food Cooperatives
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes

March 22, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse, Market Place., Ypsilanti MI 48198

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Present: Ben Miller, Cheryl Weber, David Choberka (secretary), Don Broersma, Beth Currans (vice president), Corinne Sikorski, Liz Dahl MacGregor (president).

Beth facilitating meeting, Liz taking notes, Cheryl keeping time.

Don read the Ends Statement.

Cheryl's the timekeeper.

Check-ins were checked.

No guests.

Agenda: Strike Expansion proposal,

Consent Agenda

GM monthly update report

Minutes: Jan. 15 & Feb. 23, 2016

Executive Session

GM Evaluation, policy changes: Separate.

Board Business

Committees

Nomination & Recruitment Committee: Brochure/application has been posted. Fliers are being made.

Candidate Forum:

Food Ethics Committee: Eden Food Forum, next Tuesday at the Senior Center.

Plans are going well. Still need one more person against the boycott. Moderator is Miriam Bornstein (sp²), vice president of the League of Women Voters. This event is open to the public. Fliers have gone out. No official report to the board on the last meeting.

Can committee members get volunteer discounts? Yes. Chairs need to submit their hours in the regular report.

Replacement board member(s): On the ballot will be one seat that is only for a year term.

Discussion of applications from Joanie Wind and Joe Montgomery.

Ben moved to nominated Joe Montgomery to serve in the vacant seat until the election. David seconded. 3 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained (because the two months left on the term is such a short time to bring someone up to speed).

Treasurer Nomination: Don was nominated by David. Ben seconded. Don accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

General Membership Meeting: Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 pm. Official meeting doesn't start til 6:30 p.m..

Liz will do a board report (to be discussed at the April meeting). Beth will facilitate the meeting.

Policy Reports

B1: Financial Monitoring Report

Ends Report:

Part 1: Ypsilanti is a resilient, inclusive, thriving and healthy community (Looks good.)

Part 2: the entire community has access to healthy food (Reported noncompliance.)

Concerns expressed that the board was thinking about "entire Ypsilanti community ... access" as having more external data. Demographics of customers, food access issues (County might have data) → Difference of opinion on the interpretation. Could cross reference in report to section on nutrition. Data that could be included is outreach, marketing, in-kind donations.

Part 3: and products that are locally-produced, organic, and non-GMO

Part 4: Ypsilanti has a strong, vibrant local economy.

Part 5 Our community is knowledgeable about and sustainability...

How are including all of the community? How can we as the co-op bridge gaps in our community? Could we be engaging in schools? In Parkridge and other community centers? → Maybe board needs to be more involved in representing this in the community. Might it work for the board to develop a committee to work on this? Then those committees can also be a way to engage more member participation and ownership of the co-op?

Part 6 ...Good food and cooperative economy

Part 7 ... Our community has a model for sustainable environment

Part 8: Our member-owners, workers, and the public are part of a democratic cooperative community

This is a place where those committees mentioned in part 5 above. Could also expand discussion of the Food Ethics committee.

Part 9: Ypsilanti has a thriving sense of community with a culture of openness, accessibility and diversity.

B1 & the C1 -4 are tabled again. (Remember to bring them from past meetings.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting: April 19, 2016. Plan to be here until 9:00.

Final rounds. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Tasks:

David: Add Executive Session minutes to agenda for April

David: Fix past minutes per steps in February minutes.

Liz: Post need for videographer at the forums in the TimeBank.

Everyone: Promote fora, recruit candidates, get the word out

Liz & Ben will write a report on the Eden Food Forum. **Due** as soon after the forum as possible.

Ben will request May 5th off work.

Liz will draft a board report.

Liz will contact & orient Joe.

Ben will confirm the Senior Center for Candidate Forum.