



<p>Directors present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheryl Weber (President) 2. Devin Leatherman (Secretary) 3. Don Broersma (Treasurer) 4. Stefanie Stauffer <p>Directors not present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beth Currans 2. Mike Kozura 3. Susan Carter (Vice President) 	<p>Others Present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corinne Sikorski (General Manager)
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<p>DECISIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● B6 GM Monitoring Report - Accepted ● D1 Policy Report - Accepted <p>TASKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Devin - Will meet with Cheryl regarding Drive issues. ● Devin and Corinne - will meet to go over bylaws alongside updates in laws regarding cooperatives. ● Devin and Beth - will revise bylaws. ● Don - will write charter for Fun-draising Committee ● Corinne - Will prepare the various proposals necessary to continue this meetings discussions.

10/18/2016 At the Ypsilanti Freighthouse

6:46 - 4 Directors present, President calls meeting to order.

Preliminaries

- **Read Ends Statement** - Devin
- **Timekeeper and Notetaker** - Stefanie and Devin, respectively.
- **Check-ins** - Last days of "Summer"! Plenty to do, enjoy, and take care of before the colder months.
- **Guest Comments**- None
- **Agenda Review** - A little wonky. Added Fundraising Committee discussion. Removed NRC charter. Removed expansion update. Times were adjusted to make time for certain discussions and adjust for late start/absent directors.

Consent Agenda - accepted with revisions.

- **Notes** - accepted with revision.
- **GM FYI** - accepted.

Board Business

- **Cooperative Cafe**
 - Present directors do not plan on attending.
 - Scheduling issues, too early, too far, etc.
- **CBLD and 2017 BOD budget.**
 - President, GM, and Treasurer worked on new budget.
 - Considering cutting CBLD for the time being
 - Last year we went over projected spendings.
 - CBLD is almost half of budget, and we could make up for roughly 20% of current losses with smart budgeting.
 - CDS is considering submitting a new offer since finding out we may leave.
 - Are we committed to CDS?
 - Are there significant resources to utilize in our own community?
 - Board will consider having a different/limited relationship with CDS in 2017 and plan to decide next meeting after we have all of the information.
 - All present would rather attend events than not.
- ***Food for Change***
 - Poor turnout.
 - These type of events may not be relative to the community at this time.
 - The weekend we screened this movie, many other events were happening and most in attendance have heard that most recent events had poor turnout.
 - We did not lose money on event.
- **By-Law Review Committee Suggestions for Revision**
 - 2nd draft addresses concerns from last meeting.
 - New draft lacks some clarity.
 - Secretary and GM still need to meet regarding legal updates to bylaws.
 - Further revisions will be made and resubmitted next meeting.
- **FEC Update** - None. Committee hasn't met since last meeting.
- **GM Compensation RFP** - Board submitted request for proposal.
 - Directors would like some time to consider, if it is already drafted and no trouble, some would love to see this proposal earlier than the usual deadline.
 - Devin moves to approve, Susan Seconds. 4-0

- **Fundraising Committee**
 - Building off of volunteer efforts and several successful Co-Op yard sales, Don would like to start a Fundraising Committee to raise money for the YFC.
 - Some concerns about whether this is operations or board business.
 - While it does not do work on behalf of the board, housing it under the board's authority designates it as volunteer/director effort and keeps it from leeching labor.
 - Committee's founding chair should write a charter outlining how this committee will interact with board and submit ASAP

Policy Reports

- **B6 Staff Treatment**

- Numbers look good.
- It seems there has been generally improvement since last staff survey.
- The only decreases in staff ratings seem like standard variance.
- Data is good, interpretation is good, policy is good.
- **Devin Moves, Stefanie seconds, Accepted 4-0**

D 1 Unity of Control

- Overall board seems satisfied.
- Some disagreement in comments section surrounding committee/operations issues.
- While comments are enlightening, those with concerns would be well off to schedule time during a meeting for board discussion.
- **Don moves to accept, Stefanie seconds. Accepted 4-0**

Membership Discussion

- GM reported members strong desire for family members to be able to use discount.
- Patronage rebate system would solve issues, but is not feasible any time soon.
- It would be nice if people understood the politics of cooperative membership vs club membership. It is supposed to be about agency and vote, and discount only a secondary benefit. Is there a way to educate community/membership? Hold forum?
- Discussions in past of “Family Memberships” have often been met with criticisms from single folks.
- Some directors have concerns over 1 membership = 1 vote and the democracy of family memberships
- \$400 family membership fees seem exorbitant and hard to enact. Should there be an additional fee to share?
- One director showed strong concern about creating multiple classes of membership.
- GM is concerned that staff is already giving discount to family members, either knowingly or unknowingly.
- Some coops give discount to others in practice, out of kindness or because it is hard to enforce.
- Currently, then, those being penalized are the most honest/aware, while other members are already sharing discount.
- Would the boost in sales pay for loss from discounts?
- Board would like to make decision on membership discount extension by end of year, if not before holidays.

Closing

- **Schedule Next Meeting**
 - November 15th

Meeting adjourned at -8:50pm - Devin moved to end meeting, Stefanie Seconded. Meeting adjourned.



Next meeting - Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm

Location- Freighthouse, 100 Marketplace Plaza, 48198

Minutes respectfully and cooperatively submitted by Secretary of the Board, D. Leatherman.