

MACOMB FOOD CO-OP BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 2018

PRESENT: Gordon Rands, Randy Powell, Pam Rands, Jeanne Nehls, Tim Mealiff, Rose Elam, Crystal Kepple

The meeting was called to order by Gordon at 6:35 pm in the WIRC office.

MINUTES. The September 18, 2018 minutes were considered. Crystal Kepple's name was omitted from the meeting attendance. The minutes were approved with a motion by Jeanne, a second by Randy and were approved unanimously with the one correction.

BUSINESS PLAN. The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the Business Plan that Gordon had drafted.

REVIEW OF OWNER COMMENTS. Jeanne felt we should share the information we received at the August Owner's Meeting with the owners. Gordon said he would share the following information in the October 6 edition of The Buzz: thank the owners for attending; announce the receipt of a monetary gift to purchase COREPOS equipment & consulting; we have a Volunteer Coordinator; summarize the comments/suggestions; announce/explain how restarting Prepared Foods is a critical element to increasing sales but the Board wants to capitalize it with a \$5,000 goal. Pam is meeting with Sean Park several times prior to the Annual Meeting to beef up financial reporting.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. It was decided that Karen Hostert should report to the Board rather than Crystal. Could Karen get a group together to work on a membership drive? The share money would give us a start towards our Prepared Foods goal. Crystal said FCI is a good resource to use. **Gordon will contact Karen.** He'd like to introduce her at the Annual Meeting.

FOOD CART. Once we have raised our PF money, we will talk to Bill Maakestadt about the food cart.

QUARTERLY OWNER MEETINGS. Gordon proposed that we have quarterly owner potluck meetings. Our fall Harvest Party would be one, the Silent Auction could be the winter meeting, and add a spring and summer meeting. Randy moved that we have periodic potluck meetings. Jeanne seconded his motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PREPARED FOODS. The information will first be shared in The Buzz. One Board contribution (\$250) has been pledged to start the campaign. Conversation will continue at the Annual Meeting. Crystal said we have had one applicant.

LOGO. The Board considered four different logos for Forgottonia Foods and selected one.

CONSULTING. **Pam will ask Kevin to bill us for his consulting to date.**

BYLAWS. We cannot take action at the Annual Meeting on Bylaw changes because a 30 day notice is required.

COREPOS PURCHASE. No scanner is needed because we have two handheld scanners. It will have SNAP feature. Labor has been separated from equipment. A revised contract, minus the scanner, is needed. **Pam will get in touch with the vendor (Mr. Brock).** **We also need the consulting fee bill from him** so we can spend the grant.

FARM TOUR. Details were discussed about the approaching October 7 Farm Tours.

BULK FOODS WEEK. The Board decided to observe Bulk Foods Week October 22-26.

STORE COMMITTEE. No report.

COMMUNICATIONS. No report.

PERSONNEL. Discussion followed regarding employee evaluations and developing a handbook. **Randy will look for an evaluation tool we could use.**

UPCOMING EVENTS.

October 16. Co-op Board Meeting. 6:30 pm. WIRC offices

October 27. Harvest Party/Annual Meeting/Board elections, First Presbyterian Church, Dudley & Carroll Streets, 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm meeting

October 30. Co-op Board Meeting. 6:30 pm. WIRC offices

Live Local Conference. November 5-7

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting concluded at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully,

Rose Elam, Secretary