

Maple City Market
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Monday February 16, 2015 5:00-9:00 pm
Location: 232 South Main Street, Goshen

Attendees: Phyllis Miller, Ava Breniser, Myrna Burkholder, Brian Wiebe (late), Jill Weaver, and Robin Ebright-Zehr

Absent: David Gerber, Vicki Mast, and Alex Holtz

Others Attending: Brad Weirich, David Shenk

Board: Share Meal / Team Building: (5:00)

- The Team shared a wonderful dinner provided by the Deli. Many thanks for the effort made by Deli staff to provide this for us!
- The Team also watched a six-minute excerpt from the movie “Food for Change”.

Preliminaries: (5:40)

- Go-Round/Check-In
- Declaration of quorum and commitment to stay on task
- Ends - reflection

Approve / Amend Agenda: (5:45)

- One addition was made to Board Decisions: Food System Symposium

Consent Agenda: (5:50)

- Minutes of 2014 January meeting
- Board Budget
- Board Self-Monitoring for compliance
 - G.5 Agenda Planning
 - Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda (JAW move; AB second)
 - Discussion: none
 - Vote 5/0/0, Motion passes

Board Decisions: (6:00)

- GM Monitoring - X.1 Financial Condition and Activities
 - Motion: To accept the report with provisions for corrections of non-compliance to be discussed next month (JW move; AB second)
 - Discussion: Congratulations to Brad for a quality report.
 - Vote 6/0/0, Motion passes

- No changes were made to these parts of the Policy Register:
 - G.5 Agenda Planning
 - X.1 Financial Condition and Activities

- Food System Symposium - March 14, 9:30 am to 5 pm in Goshen at Goshen City Church of the Brethren
 - Motion: To support Brad W's request that MCM be a lead sponsor and contribute \$5,000 for the support of this event. (PM move; JW second)
 - Discussion: Brad W confirmed that a report will be given to the Board.
 - Vote: 9/0/0, Motion passes

Discussion: (6:10)

- GM Report:
 - State of the Market: The re-organization of the guild area in the back has been completed. As a Valentine's gift to members, there will be 10% off every Wednesday in February. Eighteen persons attended the recent juicing class. Brad W also showed sketches of what space would look like if MCM were moved to the Hawks Building.
 - Finance Report: Brad W. said that MCM got its insurance check for the power outage and product loss last winter.

- Conflict of Interest Statement: Ava B submitted a statement entitled "Disclosure of Interest" explaining her role as a real estate broker and related details as it relates to her role in possible relocation of MCM to 120 N. Main Street in Goshen.

- Education:
 - Financial Education - Ava B presented the Board with a handout explaining the concept of current ratio ie current Assets versus Current Liabilities. The ratio of one to the other is very healthy for MCM at this time.

- Updates:
 - Board Recruitment: Brian W and Phyllis M did a brief review of the documents they have compiled for the 2015 Candidate Packet. Candidates need to apply by March 21st. April 6th will be the beginning of in-store voting.
 - Annual Meeting: Myrna B. reported that the planning committee has met three times. Invitations for the April 18th event will be sent out via e-mail and postcards in early March. Program planning details are coming together well.
- Upcoming events:
 - Public showing of “Food for Change” in Goshen, South Bend, and Elkhart: It will be shown in Goshen on March 5th at 6:30 pm at the Art House. Board members from Purple Porch and MCM will be there to answer questions afterward from the audience.
 - MCM board members have been invited by Susan Blum (chair of the board for Purple Porch) to meet with her and other PP board members at a yet-to-be selected date for informal conversation.

Community Education: (7:10)

- An exercise was conducted to help board members explore important values to be considered by MCM during our expansion. It was designed to help us dig deeper into our Ends and provide us with a little more clarity about how they relate to our values.

Each person was invited to list the name of three persons we would select to “go to Mars” to create a perfect co-op market. After doing so, the names were compiled. From them, seven were chosen to go to Mars for this purpose! They were: George Washington Carver, Wengari Maathai, Thane Royale, Noah, Michelle Obama, Melinda Gates, and Alvin Bontrager. These people represented extraordinary accomplishments, community building efforts, cooperation, worthwhile investments, knowledge and wisdom, etc. Characteristics of each person - “why we chose them” - were identified. We saw how these characteristics could correlate with the values we see as important.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Myrna Burkholder, Secretary

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