

**Maple City Market**  
**Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday September 15, 2014. 5:00-9:00**  
**Location: 232 South Main Street, Goshen**

**Attendees:** Phyllis Miller, David Gerber, Ava Breniser, Myrna Burkholder, Vicki Mast, Jill Weaver, Alex Holtz, Robin Ebricht-Zehr, Brian Wiebe,

**Others Attending:** Bob Rademaker, Kevin Boyer

**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 us with delicious soup!

**Preliminaries:** (5:30)

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

**Approve / Amend Agenda:** (5:35)

- One item was added to the “Discussion” section.
  - **Motion:** To approve the agenda with one additional item (JW move; RE second)
  - No discussion
  - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes

**Consent Agenda:** (5:40)

- Minutes of 2014 June meeting
  - **Motion:** To approve the minutes (BW move; VM second)
  - No discussion
  - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes
- Board Self Monitoring – compliance
  - R.1 Unity of Control
    - **Motion:** To approve R.1 Unity of Control (BW move; VM second)
    - No discussion
    - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes

**Board Decisions: (5:52)**

- **Committee Charters:**
  - **Café Committee:** Vicki Mast said that the Café Committee revised its charter based on last month's decision.
  - **Finance Committee:** Ava Breniser questioned the need for a Finance Committee because the issues flow into the role of the Treasurer. Maybe there should be a Finance Committee if and when there is an expansion project.
    - **Motion: (PM move; BW second)**
      - To dissolve the proposal for a Finance Committee
      - No discussion
      - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes
  - **Board Recruitment:** It will be ready to begin to function next month.
  - **Annual Meeting:** Myrna Burkholder reported that the first meeting of this group will be convened in October with monthly meetings thereafter. The charter need not be changed.
- **GM Monitoring:**
  - **X.3 Asset Protection**
    - **Motion: To approve (JW move; AB second)**
    - No discussion
    - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes
  - **X.8 Communication to the Board**
    - **Motion: To approve (PM move; JW second)**
    - No discussion
    - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes
- **Proposed changes to Policy Register for future monitoring:**
  - **X.8 Communication to the Board**
    - **Motion: To add the phrase "which may affect Board policy" to X.8.3 (PM move; JW second)**
    - No discussion
    - Vote 6/1/2, Motion passes
  - **X.3 Asset Protection and G.2 The Board's Job – no changes**

**Discussion: (6:10-6:30)**

- **GM Reports:**
  - The State of the Market can be viewed on Dropbox
  - The Finance Report will be available in October
  
- **Bylaw revisions:**
  - Final Draft – It was deemed to be satisfactory, so it will go to Thane for a final review. When ready, it will go to Randy Jacobs (lawyer).
  
- **Board member orientation binder:**
  - Phyllis M will be meeting with a committee of four to review the new binder. (Its contents are listed on Dropbox.)
  
- **GM Search Committee Update:**
  - Phyllis M reported that thus far there are 22 applicants for the job of GM; however, Scott B was recognized as being an exceptional candidate. He was made an offer by the board after his recent visit but thus far has not accepted the position, his reason being that he is also looking at several other options. He will be calling Brian W later this week with his response. If he doesn't choose MCM, the board will start the search process again. Jill W commented that the process of hosting and interviewing Scott B was well done.
  
- **Change to Board calendar:**
  - The Board budget will be reported next month.
  
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Board Retreat Planning on November 7-8:** It was decided that we would meet at Merry Lea for the retreat on Saturday, November 8, and that we should ask to use the kitchen that day. We will meet at the home of Phyllis M on Friday evening, Nov. 7. Dave G also reported that the Ken Meter Report has exciting material in it for Elkhart County.
  
  - **Cooperative Café on October 25:** This event will be held at Mt. Pleasant, MI, so board members need to let Phyllis M know about going. It starts at 9 am and takes about 2 ½ hours to get there. This means leaving at about 6 am and returning by about 7 pm. Board members should plan to car pool.

**Community Education: (6:30)**

- **Topic: Northern Indiana AquaProducts**

Kevin Boyer described the development of this business which is located in a former Midwestern Rubber Products manufacturing building on Wilden Ave. He said that they are using low-tech equipment including three long tanks. Their system is self-contained in that they only replenish evaporated water and that used for cleaning. They grow tilapia which, he said, don't mind living in crowded conditions! They are fed a protein meal. Their life cycle for growth takes 8-10 months. They sell primarily to Ethnic markets in Chicago and Detroit though they do sell directly to Constant Spring in Goshen. At this time they cannot do retail sales from their facility though they can sell the fish drawn (scaled and gutted). Eventually it is hoped that the business can be moved to a larger facility and that it can increase its local business.

**New Business / Comments from the Community:**

- No new business.

**Closing: (7:40)**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting (PM move; MB second)
  - No discussion
- Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes

Submitted by Myrna Burkholder, Secretary

9/19/14