



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017; 5:30 pm - 8:36 pm
314 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526

In attendance: Eric Amt, Jose Chiquito, Robin Ebright-Zehr, Phyllis Miller, Amanda Qualls, Brian Wiebe (arrived at 5:39 pm), Rebecca Yoder

Absent:

Others Attending: Brad Alstrom

5:30 pm: Declaration of quorum

- Preliminaries:
 - Check-In: “Are we prepared to act on everything before us?”
 - Declaration of quorum
 - Commitment to stay on task
 - Ends reflection: Because of MCM: Owner-members and customers in the Michiana region will be healthier; there will be a local, sustainable food system in Michiana; the local environment & resources will be responsibly shared, protected and restored; there will be a locally-owned cooperative business; there will be a thriving model that inspires other businesses in the Great Lakes region.

5:35 pm: Approve or amend agenda

- **Motion:** To accept the agenda as it is written.
Eric Amt moves and Robin Ebright-Zehr seconds
No discussion
Motion passes: 6 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain

5:36 pm: Education

- Centre for the Study of Co-operatives from the University of Saskatchewan
“Contemplating Co-ops: Creating Knowledge for a Better World”
 - “...governance is a critical determinant of success or failure...”
- [Indiana Cooperative Development Center, Inc.](#)

5:43 pm: Board recruitment exercise

- Phyllis Miller is not planning to run for reelection to the Maple City Market board. She is currently overcommitted, and though she is dedicated to the market, something had to give in terms of her responsibilities.

- Robin Ebright-Zehr is not running for another term this year. Her husband recently accepted an executive level position at his company, and her focus is required elsewhere.
- What has the relationship been between people who have left the board and those who are still on/are coming onto the board?
 - Communication can continue to happen. For example, Phyllis calls Jerry Lapp and other previous board members frequently.
 - Phyllis may still be connected to the organization through the food council, so look forward to that.
- The board completed an exercise to determine what qualities we need in new board members and brainstormed potential board members.

7:13 pm: Consent agenda

- **Motion:** To approve the consent agenda as it stands. The consent agenda includes the minutes of the January 15, 2017 board meeting and board self-monitoring (G.5 Agenda planning).
Brian Wiebe moves and Robin Ebright-Zehr seconds
No discussion
Motion passes: 7 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain

7:15 pm: Break

7:22 pm: Board decisions

- GM Monitoring:
 - X.1 Financial Condition & Activities including 2017 budget
 - X.8 Communication to the Board
 - Narrative discussion of the financial health of the market and the reporting plan going forward.
 - Reviewed graphs of financial health over the years.
 - Brad is currently working on a budget (which will include, as a portion, a board budget). Amanda and Brad will collaborate on the board budget portion.

8:25 pm: Discussion

- GM Reports: Brad Alstrom--*These items were covered above.*
 - State of the Market
 - Financials (unless covered with monitoring report)
 - Other - what the board can do to support
- Annual Meeting: Amanda
 - The 2017 annual meeting will take place on May 6 at the Schrock Pavilion.
 - Jake's for grilled meats?
 - Proposed start time/agenda:
 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
 - Start with h'ors doevres and then a light meal afterward

- Flip the meal and programming. Start with programming (intro of candidates and business meeting) and end with meal (this allows people to leave early if they like).
- Elections: Phyllis--*Discussed in the Board recruitment exercise portion of the meeting.*
- Ends Revision - dedicated meeting date: Phyllis
 - Consider looking at one ends statement per meeting for another few months.
 - We'll spend a lot of time on ends at the retreat in June.
- Retreat Planning: Phyllis
- Community Initiative Updates:
 - Food Council
 - Salon?

8:34 pm: New business/comments from the community

- No community members

8:35 pm: Calendar review

- Next meeting March 27, 2017
- GM monitoring:
 - X.10 Emergency GM
 - X.3 Asset Protection
- Board monitoring:
 - R.3 Delegation to the GM
- Looking ahead:
 - Annual Meeting: May 6, 2017
 - Retreat

8:36 pm: Adjournment

- **Motion:** To adjourn.
Robin Ebright-Zehr moves and Eric Amt seconds
No discussion
Motion passes: 6 in favor; 0 oppose; 0 abstain