

**Maple City Market
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Monday November 10, 2014. 5:00-8:00
Location: 232 South Main Street, Goshen**

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

Absent: none

Others Attending: Josiah Metzler, Danny L. Newcomer, Brad Weirich

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!

Preliminaries: (5:30)

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

Approve/Amend Agenda: (5:35)

- One item was deleted from “Board Decisions”.
 - **Motion:** To delete “Revised Board Calendar (JW move; AH second)
 - No discussion
 - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes

Consent Agenda: (5:40)

- Minutes of 2014 October meeting
 - **Motion:** To approve the minutes (BW move; JW second)
 - No discussion
 - Vote 7/0/2, Motion passes
- Board Self Monitoring – compliance
 - R.2 Accountability of GM
 - **Motion:** To approve R.2 Accountability of GM (BW move; JW second)
 - No discussion
 - Vote 9/0/0, Motion passes

Board Decisions: (5:45)

- **GM Monitoring:**
 - **X.9 Board Logistical Support**
 - **Discussion:** Jill W asked to whom she should ask on staff that she did not get the recent postcard mailing about the GM search.

Josiah M said that someone would need to check to see if her address is current. Another question was asked about patronage refund. Josiah indicated that he would like to move in that direction and might soon bring a proposal to the board about this. He was given encouragement to do so.

Related to that was a question about taxes as it relates to patronage refunds. Josiah explained that up to 20% of the profit is not taxable.

- **Waived – X.4 Ownership Rights and Responsibilities**

Discussion: (5:50)

- **GM Reports: (See in Dropbox.)**
 - **State of the Market:**
 - Josiah M commented that MCM will be receiving the Small Business of the Month award from the Goshen Chamber of Commerce on November 20th at 11:30 am. All are welcome to attend!
 - As a part of Share the Bounty Week, the movie “A Place at the Table” will be shown at the Goshen Art House on November 13th (7-9 pm) and November 19th (6:30-8:30 pm). (See the Food Shed website for details.) Also as part of this week, on November 21st, MCM staff will prepare a meal at The Window to celebrate the work of their kitchen staff.
 - **Finance Report**
 - A question was asked about the high labor costs in September. Josiah explained that the GM search expenses were added to the budget line.
- **Updates:**
 - **Bylaw revision:** Randal Jacobs did a review of them. To be sure that the process of amending is done legally with 10 days notice, we will vote on

them at the next meeting. Phyllis M indicated that she will send us a noticed about the revised version.

- **Board Budget:** Ava B met with Josiah M last week to go over different budget categories including the fact that the GM search and newsletter are not in the board budget. She plans to meet with Phyllis M to go over the current budget and will then go over it with the board at the next meeting. She also wants the board at that time to discuss G.3 – Officer’s Roles, to clarify the Treasurer’s role. At this point that policy states that it is responsible for the board budget only. There may be additional items to add there.
- **Board Member Orientation update:** Phyllis M will hold one more session in December for the four newest board members.
- **Confidentiality Agreement:** All board members have now signed an agreement.
- **Cooperative Café Mt. Pleasant feedback:** For those on the board who attended this event, including Brian W, Phyllis M, and Myrna B, they found it to be helpful in understanding current co-op development issues, and they also found the roundtable discussions with staff and board members from other co-ops to be valuable as well.
- **Webinar 10/23 CCAB – USDA/CLUSA Co-ops and Rural Development Opportunities:** Phyllis M said that the topic was about the USDA grants to co-ops such as Purple Porch which just received one for \$100,000. The purpose of the grant is to support local producers. Phyllis M suggested that as board members, we can also be on the look-out for such grants.
- **Plan for presenting Brad W to Owner/Community:** This will include having him present at MCM for 1st Friday on Dec. 5th, putting out a press release for the Goshen News and The Elkhart Truth close to 1st Friday, posting on Facebook, and an e-mail blast! Josiah M and Brad W will handle these efforts. Board members were encouraged to be present for the 1st Friday events.
- **December Board Meeting:** All board members will be able to meet on December 15th.
- **Upcoming Events:** The first public showing of “Food for Change” will be in January in Goshen, South Bend, and Elkhart in January. It will be sponsored by MCM and Purple Porch.

New Business/Comments from the Community: (6:05)

- No new business.

Closing: (6:05)

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

Submitted by Myrna Burkholder, Secretary

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