

Questions / Comments:

Missoula Community Food Coop
Annual Membership Meeting
November 17, 2010
Location: Co-op
6:00-8:30
MC - Lanette Diaz

Doors open at 6
sign in, get info packets, buy raffle tickets, get drinks and snacks

Meeting begins at 6:20

I. Introduction and Welcome

- a. Reason for meeting and the importance of participation in your co-op
- b. Raffle info

Leslie Guerreri Kate Keller presented Jack Rowan with a gift for his dedication to the co-op.

II. BOD Election

- a. candidate introductions - Kate Meining, Ben Weiss, Terri Roberts, and Emily Lincoln
- b. how to vote, and results will be announced at the end of the meeting

III. Bylaws:

Why was "gender identity" deleted? Jack responded that it was actually added.

RE: page 2 of the Bylaws that were emailed out to people: why is Sec. 11.5 deleted? Jack said that Bob with the NMCDC would address this question.

.Are members supposed to keep track of their own hours / number of shifts per year?

Do we have a fund-raising committee? Could we hire someone to be a fund-raising coordinator?

Bylaws: Jack described how the original bylaws were developed and enacted. He then described why a new set of Bylaws are now proposed to Members and how the new set were developed. The key elements are (1) to enact a set of Bylaws specifically designed to reflect the Missoula Food Co-op's unique structure and best serve its needs; (2) to simplify and condense language to make our Bylaws accessible to Members; and (3) to ensure our Bylaws conform to all requirements of Montana statute.

John Couch proposed an amendment to the proposed Bylaws to reinsert the following clause as Section II.6 "The MCFC shall maintain a current register to show the status of all members. The register shall include the member's name, address, phone/email and date of membership. Members are responsible for notifying MCFC

administration of any changes in contact information."

Valerie Coulter asked why "gender identity" was deleted from Section II.1. Jack confirmed that, despite how it appears in the strike-out version of the proposed Bylaws, "gender identity" was actually inserted into the proposed Bylaws rather than deleted.

Members enacted the proposed Bylaws, amended to include Section II.6, by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Member manual update by Kate Keller

- a. Explanation about the purpose of the manual and how this one was developed
- b. Invitation for members to help on the committee to finalize a draft
- c. Draft should be ready for review and discussion in January

V. Announcements -

a. Product selection committee - Amy Cassamassa - A product committee is being formed and a few members have developed a selection process for members to that committee. Contact Amy to get info about this process and to get involved.

b. Grand opening celebration - Ben Weiss - we will be planning a celebration in January in our new space

VI. Construction Updates:

Jack provided a brief update on the building remodel to date and thanked Members for continuing to shop through all the challenges caused by the construction. He also highlighted a few key upgrades in our new space (new refrigerated and frozen cases, two check out stands, etc.) Jack clarified a few questions regarding the layout for the new Co-op space and the Box Car Cafe and Kitchen.

Add Kate's notes on need for a dedicated phone line to the credit card POS and organizing orientation sessions for working members to ease the transition to new floor plan and procedures in the new space. Stacy K. was the Member who suggested using Vonage as our service provider.1. We need an additional phone line for running credit cards.

1. What about using the internet for running credit cards?
2. Introductions to new space would be helpful for people learning about where everything is.
3. How has the Co-op planned on increasing member working hours / number of people working in the new space.
4. Are we going to have an intercom system?

Member Loan Program: Terri and Jack presented information on the current financial status of the Co-op (including a very small but nonetheless real) profit in FY 2010 that will be invested into the Co-op's remodel upgrades. Terri also highlighted the Co-op's need to continue organizing fund raising events (in addition to the Member Loan Program) to cover special expenses. Jack described the basic structure and intent of

the Member Loan Program (details of the Member Loan Program available at the Member Office).