

MPC BOD Meeting
January 8, 2018

Present: Ruth Heavener, Mela Taylor, Lilly Rose, Devin Diehl, Tia Johnson, Gaby Carstens, Angela Reh, Aaron Behnke

1. Call meeting to order: 6:31 pm
2. Approve previous meeting's minutes: Gaby motioned, Mella seconded, unanimously approved.
3. Board Membership: All Board members to nominate one new potential board member by next meeting. Election of new board members to be held in March.
4. Manager's Report:
Three new part time workers now hired.

Potential Coop participation in DubVEatz discussed. This is a local delivery service of food from local eateries. If Coop joins, would be the only participating grocery provider. Ruth moved and Devin seconded approval for Lilly to continue forward to possibly be a participating member.

Mountie Bounty discussed. For Coop to accept Mountie Bounty as payment for goods, there is a one time fee of \$300 to purchase processing device and a \$30 monthly fee. Lilly to further explore this.

East End Coop in Pittsburgh has a monthly Coop orientation. Lilly plans to attend one of these to get new ideas.

Grant money: Still awaiting money for purchase of serving, freezer, ice maker, and produce bins.

Line of Credit: Continuing to work on extension of Line of credit (currently good till Jan 11) while consultant works with the Coop. Conversion of Line of Credit to conventional loan is contingent on completion of consulting work. Lilly reports initial discussion by phone with consultant so far. Consultant will visit here last week in February.

Dylan Hill, whose employment at the Coop was terminated last month, has applied for unemployment. Lilly reports sending requested information to the state and feels confident that, given the circumstances of the termination, unemployment benefits will not be approved.

Small Farm Conference to be held in Morgantown soon. Lilly hopes to go.

Beer and Wine sales: Lilly plans to move forward to obtain approval. Floor plan needs to be submitted, but Lilly is waiting for new shelving to be in place before providing floor plan.

Herb and spice display to be altered by local carpenter to decrease dead space in this shelving.

Finances: \$520 in the black during December, 2017. Not as good as December, 2016, but this year store was closed for three days over Christmas.

Overall, in the red \$9,000 for 2017 as compared to in the red \$18,000 for 2016.

5. Employee Report: Tia reports Deb and Cameron ask about the status of beer and wine licensing, and that they both believe it would be a good investment for the Coop. See further discussion of beer and wine under Manager's report.

6. Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Employee Handbook now fully revised.
Gaby motions and Tia seconds acceptance of revised handbook.

Finance Committee: see Manager's report

Publicity Committee: Discussion of need for stronger social media presence.

7. Old Business: See Manager's Report for Grant, Line of credit, beer and wine sales, consulting work.

8. New Business: Need to plan meeting for April and election of new board members. Dorsey's Knob suggested as possible venue for this gathering.

9. Next meeting: February 5, 2018, 6:30 pm at the Coop.

10. Call meeting to close: 7:22 pm