

TPSS Board of Representatives Meeting

Date: May 1, 2016

Time and Place: 6:30pm, TPSS Community Room

Present: Rachel Hardwick (RH), Robert Anderson (RA), Adam Frank (AF), David Zuckerman (DZ), Emily Townsend (ET), Katie Parker (KP), Patrick Brown (PB), Melissa Schweisguth (MS)

Absent: LuLu Fulda (LF)

Staff present: Abdi Guled (AG)

Minutes submitted by: Solveig Mortensen (SM)

RESOLUTIONS:

- The Board approved the March 1, 2016 open session meeting minutes as amended.
- The Board accepted the GM Monitoring Report: Policy L9-Membership, as submitted.
- On April 19, 2016 the Board voted electronically to approve the GM in making an immediate expenditure for the Co-op of \$15K for a replacement HVAC compressor.
Votes in favor: RH, RA, LF, DZ, AF, PB, KP, MS, ET.

Open member forum: Board representatives shared their experiences of tabling at the Montgomery County Green Fest. A number of attendees spoke with them and gave product suggestions, comments on prices, and positive feedback.

GM Report: AG reported that March was a very good month for the store and that the Co-op continues to strive to offer more local items and produce and competitive pricing. He shared that in participating on Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA)'s board, he conferred with them on ways they may interface with the Co-op in the future. OTBA and AG discussed pursuing outreach efforts in new neighborhood developments and having a beer and wine parking lot event. AG shared that the Co-op is now directly providing beer and wine tastings; the Co-op has been holding these tastings each Thursday and they have been very successful.

AG confirmed that Co-op management continues to work on the task of re-distributing and re-allocating Co-op funds across several accounts to ensure greater FDIC coverage. He also confirmed that the Co-op will soon be meeting with an Interior Federal Credit Union representative re: bringing a deposit-taking ATM to the Co-op.

AG shared that the current Director of Marketing at the Co-op will be helping to transition in the new Manager of Beer and Wine, New Product Acquisition, and Pricing Accuracy staff. AG confirmed that the Co-op is making efforts to fill the Outreach Coordinator and Director of Marketing positions.

General Manager Monitoring Report, L-9, Ends and Indicators updated: The Board reviewed the Monitoring report for L-9. Board representatives gave overall feedback re: the preferred

detail level for the indicators' reported statuses and focused on the indicator of how the Co-op ensures that its employees are informed on the environmental, health, and social impacts of TPSS products.

Committees: The Policy Committee noted the policies they planned to submit for the next meeting. The Personnel Committee shared that they met twice in April and will be updating the Board on the status of the GM evaluation. The Nominations Committee reported that they met as well and are continuing to work on creating a pipeline of potential Board candidates.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee (MC) reported that the bi-annual member-owners meeting will be held on June 5th from 12-3pm. In preparation for this meeting, the MC met with the GM and discussed specific invitees, vendors, pertinent information for the Co-op's website, member messaging, plans to gather pricing, and plans to gather memories of the Co-op and memorabilia. The MC also shared that they are considering providing 35th anniversary take-home items for the event. The Board agreed with the MC's recommendation to invite Interior Federal Credit Union to the Member-Owners meeting.

In res: to the task of streamlining the MC policies, the Policy Committee gave the MC the feedback that it is at their discretion to make recommendations to the Policy Committee to revise any of the current MC's policies individually or as part of a suggested integration into the current policies.

Term 2016:

<u>Rep.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>April</u> (May 1)
Anderson	*	*	*	*
Brown	*	*	*	*
Frank	*	*	*	*
Fulda	ex	*	*	ex
Hardwick	*	*	*	*
Parker	*	ex	*	*
Schweisguth	*	ex	*	*
Townsend	*	*	*	*
Zuckerman	ex	ex	*	*

(ex=excused)