

**Maple City Market
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Monday December 16th, 2013. 5:00-8:30
Location: 232 South Main Street, Goshen**

Attendees: Phyllis Miller, Myrna Burkholder, Jill Weaver, Jim Lehman, Robin Ebright-Zehr, John Frybort

Absent: Brian Wiebe, Alex Holtz

Others Attending: Bonnie Weaver, Phil Metzler, Danny Newcomer, Vicki Mast

Board: Share Meal / Team Building: (5:00)

- The Team shared a wonderful dinner provided by the Deli.

Preliminaries: (5:30)

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

Approve / Amend Agenda: (5:35)

- **Motion:** To Approve Agenda (PM move; MB second)
- No discussion
- Vote 6/0/0, Motion passes

Consent Agenda: (5:45)

- Minutes of 2013 October
- Board Self Monitoring – none this month
- **Motion:** To Approve Consent Agenda (JW move; PM second)
- No discussion
- Vote 6/0/0, Motion passes

Board Decisions: (5:50)

- Approve GM Search Charter, GM Evaluation and Compensation Charter – this was postponed until next month.
- Any proposed changes to Policy Register for future monitoring:
 - X.2 Business Planning and Financial Budgeting
 - No proposed changes
- Board budget – Jim L.
 - **Motion:** To accept board budget (JF move; JW second)

- Discussion: It was noted that the board budget is larger than last year for reasons discussed with each item. Jim L. explained that he will give vouchers to Josiah M. who will give him a running update.
- Vote 6/0/0, Motion passes

Discussion: (5:55)

- **Board Recruitment and Elections update:** John F. reported that the by-laws provide for proxy vote, so he is proposing that we plan for in-store voting prior to the annual meeting. For this we will need a printout of owner/members to be kept at the checkout counters. One question about in-store voting prior to the annual meeting is whether or not this will allow for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. John said most probably not, but this should not be a serious problem since thus far this has not happened at previous annual meetings.
 - **Motion:** To Approve proposal for in-store voting prior to the next annual meetings. (JW move; RE second)
 - Discussion: John F. asked that Phyllis M. ask Josiah M. to ask a staff person to be in charge of proxy voting. Phyllis M. noted that we are trying to get board membership up to nine. She noted that Phyllis and Robin E. will be re-running. John F. indicated that he would write a piece for the next MCM newsletter about this.
 - Vote 6/0/0, Motion passes

- **Bylaw revision update:** Jill W and John F reported that Thane Joyal will review them primarily for simplification and clarification. Then after Jill and John review her suggested revisions, they will propose a draft version for the Board to approve, hopefully by March so that it would be available by the time of the next Annual Members Meeting.

- **CAFÉ (Linkage) Committee Update:** Jill W. explained that CAFÉ stands for Communicating and Fostering Everyone. She said that for the First Friday events from June-Oct. MCM will have a display table in a section for not-for-profit organizations. She said that the future (full-time) marketing outreach staff person at MCM will be working with this and should be helpful. She also said that owner/member committee meetings need focus on activities to get members involved such as organizing a food pantry effort during local growing seasons, a community meal, and Habitat involvement. She is working with owner/members Amber Near and Sarah Bauer and staff persons Bob Rademaker and Wendy Ginther. This group will also include the future (full-time) marketing outreach staff person.

- **GM FYI Reports – Josiah M.**
 - **E.! Planet Health**
 - **X.2 Business Planning and Financial Budgeting**
 - **GM Market Operations Update**

Community Education: (6:30)

- **Thinking together about our Ends: How can MCM help with the effort to eliminate food insecurity in our community?**
 - **Phil Metzler gave a review of the “Share the Bounty Week” of activities sponsored recently in Goshen in partnership with The Goshen Farmers Market, The Window and Maple City Market. The goal of its activities was to educate people about food sustainability and providing not only enough food for the hungry, but nutritious food as well. He noted that one in five children in Goshen gets a free lunch at school and that only 10% of the food we consume in Indiana comes from Indiana. To change this percentage, capital investment is needed to assess this situation and begin projects such as more effective local gleaning. As a start, he proposed that MCM be a partner with Transition Goshen for a food assessment in Elkhart County.**
 - **Phyllis M. proposed that for our next board meeting that we discuss the book entitled *Rebuilding the Food Shed*, or at least the Introduction, and Chapters One, Six and Seven. She said that the Community also be invited to be present for this discussion.**

New Business/Comments from the Community: No comments/questions.

Closing: (8:05)

- **Discussion: The meeting was moved to adjourn.**
- **Motion: Accepted (JW move; PM second)**
- **No discussion**
- **Vote 6/0/0/, Motion passes**

Submitted by Myrna Burkholder, Secretary

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Note: No executive session.