

Maple City Market
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Monday April 20, 2015 5:00-9:00 pm
Location: 232 South Main Street, Goshen

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

Absent: Alex Holtz

Others Attending: Brad Weirich, Amanda Qualls, Tm Martin, Beth Neff, Phil Metzler

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
- Ends - reflection

Approve / Amend Agenda: (5:34)

- No changes were made.
 - Motion: To accept the agenda with no changes (JW move; VM second)
 - Discussion: none
 - Vote 7/0/0, Motion passes

Consent Agenda: (5:35)

- Minutes of 2015 February meeting
- Board Self-Monitoring for compliance
 - G.6 Board Meetings
 - Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda (BW move; DG second)
 - Discussion: none
 - Vote 6/0/1, Motion passes

Board Decisions: (5:40)

- GM Monitoring - E.1 Ends
 - Motion: To accept the report (DG move; AB second)
 - Discussion: The focus was on interpretation with details that were reported verbally because Brad W. didn't have time for extensive detailing. He said that maybe next year it should be more detailed and presented at the annual meeting.

Brad W. was asked about the quality of products MCM offers - should they be good, better, or best? He said we currently have "best" but when moving into a larger facility could stock "good" and "better". He said that UNFI is getting better at making available "good" products.

Brad W. was asked about the cost of belonging to NCG. He said MCM pays 1% of annual sales. But their programming fees are pricey; however, they are trying to help coops grow.

There was discussion about GMO products as it relates to Planet Health 2.1.3.

We decided that it is a complex issue and that we need to understand the issues better. Brad W. said MCM needs to label carefully and that GMO's have been removed from bulk sales. It was suggested that there be board education sessions about the issues related to GMO products.

It was decided that the original motion be changed to the following:

- Motion: To accept the report with acknowledgement of "non-compliance" and with the expectation of a robust report in March of 2016. (JW move; PM second)
 - Vote 4/2/1, Motion passes
- No changes were made to these parts of the Policy Register:
 - G.6 Board Meetings - It will be put on the agenda for next month.
 - E.1 Ends

- The persons were confirmed as new board members who will attend orientation sessions in May and June and can serve for three terms of three years each:
Tim Martin, Brian Wiebe, and Amanda Qualls

Discussion: (6:20)

- GM Report:
 - State of the Market and Financial Report: Brad W commented that sales have been flat though inventory has gone down which is good. Extra expenses last month included travel and training expenses for himself. He is looking for a way to get financial reports more quickly.
 - Expansion Update: Brad W said that he is waiting on Interra Credit Union to for a pre-approved letter.
 - Board Financial Report: Ava B said that she would obtain a quarterly report from Brad and let the board know if there are any issues.
- Updates:
 - Board Recruitment: Brian W gave a brief update on the process. He recommended that the board look at the process again for 2016 to see if any improvements could be made.
 - Annual Meeting: Myrna B. estimated that about 91 adults and 21 children attended this event. Overall, everything went well including the program reports, elections, music, food, time for socializing and children's activities. The use of the Fellowship Hall at College Mennonite Church also worked out very well. Myrna B. will be preparing a financial report for the event.
 - Plan for CAFÉ Committees: Vicki M wants to start a group to meet once a month.
 - Calendar changes: none
 - Board Orientation, Mt. Pleasant on May 18, 2015: Amada Q said she cannot go to this event. Tim M said he may be able to do so. Other board members were encouraged to go if possible.

Community Education: (7:50)

- *Phil Metzler & Beth Neff, Food Symposium Report:* They reported on the Food Symposium sponsored by MCM on March 14, 2015. Forty people attended and met at the Goshen City Church. They explored the relationship of those in the group to each other through a relationship game. They also discussed their relationship to food and

intervention points. What is the role of MCM in this? How can MCM offer natural food and quality service to a diverse community? MCM needs to continue to work at issues related to education, openness, democracy, and collaboration and must include the values and capacity of community members. We need to keep asking these questions as MCM grows.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Myrna Burkholder, Secretary