

BMFC BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2018

Present: Annie Gaillard, Keith Bellairs, David Ludt, Katharine Arnold, John Mandeville, Bruce Kaufman, Marina Carleton, Andrew Higley, Linda Romans.

Visiting members: Beth Cate, Deb Hartt, Tim Hartt

Meeting called to order at 6:08

1. Tim Hartt as Clerk of the Works reports on renovation project. Renovation is on track to begin mid September. Insulation will be done in 3 phases. Construction of shelter to insure the alley remains dry for insulation installation requires further assessment and then plan will be determined. The cheapest and easiest solution would be a tarp. The Board is not interested in doing extensive roof work at this time. The store will be closed for 2 days. One day for insulating and one day to move freezers. The front door must be removed to move the freezers.
2. Motion to approve July minutes made by John and 2nd by Andrew. Minutes approved.
3. Motion to appoint Bruce Kaufman to fill the rest of Karla's term made by Katharine and 2nd by John. Motion approved unanimously. Welcome to Bruce.
4. Review and discuss Consultant report. Several board members consider the report thorough, complete and money well spent. John and Keith question the idea of moving to a larger space. Annie states that space is our limiting factor. Marina points out the focus of the report is inward and not outward(member), John offers that "grab & go" foods are profitable in other Coops. Bruce recommends we focus first on Foundational work, Bookkeeping/Finance and Team Management. Keith would like to change Inventory to quarterly. Marina facilitated a conversation around management recommendations by Consultant. A lengthy discussion of past, present and possible future management of the Coop took place resulting in a motion to hire an Interim General Manager made by Linda and 2nd by Bruce. The motion passed with Keith and Bruce abstaining. Questions: How do we finance an IGM (look at discounts and grants), what skills do we need in an IGM?
5. Retreat August 26,2018 at Grange Hall in E. Hardwick. 10-2:30. Gather as much information about hiring an IGM before retreat. Annie will contact Brittany for her suggestions. Linda will contact Belfast Coop in Maine and Plainfield Coop to ask for any helpful input.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Romans, Secretary

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