

**Present:**

Samuel Saldivar, Nani Ball, Susan Callan, Charles Ganelin, Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Nancy Arthur, Amy Pace, Rebekah Powers, Gini Maddocks, Harv Roehling, Scott Downing, Beth Eacker, Jim Reid, Linda Simmons, Jack Southard, Bernadette Unger

**Election of Board of Directors**

- We greatly appreciate the contributions from recent Board members: Marshal Burke, Rick Momeyer, Amy Pace and their continuing effort to help open the store. A ballot was mailed to every member household and 41 ballots were returned.
- The current Board members (all either voted in by voice vote at an annual meeting or appointed by the board) were re-affirmed by a paper ballot. 40 yes votes  
Mike Broida, Scott Downing, Beth Eacker, Charles Ganelin, Jim Reid, Bernadette Unger
- Nominees Nancy Arthur and Gini Maddocks were elected to fill 3-year terms expiring Oct 2011. 40 yes votes.
- There is one vacancy. Two names were written in as board nominees and those people will be contacted.

**Amendment to By Laws**

An amendment to the Bylaws deleting the requirement to provide postage paid return envelopes with the annual ballots, was approved by 40 Yes; 1 No. The no voter wrote that he/she would like us to have a drop off location for ballots. Soon that location will be the store.

- *Section 5.6 - Election of Directors: Election of directors shall be yearly. Three directors shall be elected each year with terms running three years. All additional vacancies will also be open for election. No more than two producer/vendors may be elected in any one year. In the event of ties, the out going Board must resolve ambiguities prior to its term dissolution. Voting shall be by mail ballot sent to each member 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Each member shall receive a ~~postage paid~~ ballot with a candidate slate, directions on number of candidates to vote for, and the time period for returning ballots. Voting ballots must be returned to the Secretary of the Co-op by the day before the annual meeting and the results will be announced at the annual meeting.*

**Year in Review**

President Bernadette Unger presented a reviewed the past year. Highlights included

- There is interest from institutions food providers for someone to warehouse and broker local foods for institutions use. This would be a good match for MOON and will be taken into consideration. Although this concept is secondary to our quest for a store front, it could be a source of additional and stead income.
- Loan Program – we completed the muti-page prospectus and the other legal documents completed for collecting loans. Few attorneys specialize in coop member loan documents and the attorney we used had our documents for several months due to the length delay he did not charge us, saving us \$5,000-\$7,000 but of course costing us time. We currently have \$165,000 in member loan pledges.
- MOON's Name 5 Campaign concept received great interest from the national consultants
- The Harvest MOON Festival was Oct 5 organized by MOON OEFFA. Made \$150 and generated at least 11 memberships

- MOON was awarded a \$1,700 grant from Coop Development fund for Board Education
- We sent out one paper newsletter, One e-newsletter and several e-updates.
- The e-newsletter had a section explaining why the number of members needed to open has changed. This is a question often asked.
- Board liability insurance was purchased this year.
- The Market study was updated
- We continue to work on a site for the store and can not discuss it/them publicly yet.
- We have met with staff of a commercial lender and they are reviewing our business plan.
- We had a training session in Co-op Governance with Marylyn Scholl of Cooperative Development Services Consultants, Minneapolis MN.
- **HIRED Organizational Manager, Rebekah Powers!!**

### **Some 2009 tasks**

- Revamp our Web site
- Refine Business Plan
- Collect Member Loans
- Hire a General Manager
- Develop Governance documents for establish the protocols and relationship among the Member-Owners, Board, GM, Staff, and Customers
- Apply to Lenders
- Sign lease.
- Open store!

### **Membership Update**

- Rebekah Powers, Organizational Manager, reported on the growth of member-owners since her hiring. As of the meeting, MOON had **440 households** on the roster, 27 of them in the month of October. The Name 5 Campaign resulted in 26 members, with 20 per cent of the follow ups completed by phone. She thanked the members of the Board and others who have contributed immeasurably to the success of the member drive and she suggested member-owners write *Letters to the Editor* and help publicize MOON's efforts.

### **Treasurer's report**

- Beth Eacker presented overheads on the financial tables and future projections .

### **Other business**

- Charles Ganelin presented highlights of the nation co-op conference and the contacts he made with people willing to help us.
- Question time brought forth discussion of the Member Loan Campaign and the Buyers Club.
- Refreshing and delicious cider was provided by Scott Downing.
- The Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of every month.

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