



Board Meeting Minutes

8.19.2010

Attendance: John Nason, Eric Mapes (facilitator), Jackie Krzyzek, Rob Richards, Joellen Reineck Wilhelm, Julia Sokoloff, Suzanne Shafer, Ron Lavigne, Jessica Laing, Grace Cox (Staff Rep Substitute), Fern Moore (Board observer / notes)

Agenda

Announcements	5 min
Agenda Review/ Mission Statement	5 min
Commitment Review	5 min
Community Sustaining Fund	15 min
Unexpected Guests	20 min
Forum Review & Next Steps	30 min
Committee Reports	5 min
BPC Reports	10 min
Board Elections / Annual Meeting	20 min
Expansion (Executive Session)	40 min
Meeting Eval/ Commitments/ Next Facilitator	5 min

Announcements

There were about ten community members in attendance, some signed up to speak during the 'Unexpected Guests' agenda item.

Commitment review

- *The board also requests that Marie take on facilitating staff feedback and communication regarding the bag proposal* No
- *Harry will include the 'Community Sustaining Fund' on the August agenda.* Yes
- *Rob will coordinate reserving space for the forums and email information to all.* Yes
- *Julia will email the newsletter editor about the decision and 'informational box.'* Yes
- *Joellen will write the 'info box' for the newsletter and email to the newsletter ASAP.* Yes
- *Harry will write an email for staff tonight about the boycott decision* Yes

- *Harry will write a boycott announcement flyer for staff to give to concerned members for tomorrow morning Yes*
- *Tabling schedule will be made by Joellen. Yes*
- *Fern will print board applications and post boxes in stores. Yes*
- *The Board Election sub committee will report back to the board at the August meeting Yes*

Community Sustaining Fund

Monique Ossa and Keith, two Board Members from the Community Sustaining Fund followed up last months brief visit to specifically elaborate on ideas on how to fortify our relationship. For twenty years, The Sustaining Fund has sponsored over \$70,000 dollars into the Olympia community. They will be beginning a new cycle of event planning and would like to be involved with Co-op events and reinvigorate the ‘Round Up’ program at the stores. Our Mission statements parallel each other on many levels. Their ideas are to have an active presence in the newsletter, train cashiers about the round up program in hopes that they would feel comfortable talking about it or perhaps a more passive approach with signage at registers, explore linking to the Community Sustaining Fund on our website as well as social networking Olympia Food Co-op sites, and perhaps a fundraising pledge drive by tabling at the stores for a few days.

The OFC board identified two immediate vehicles:

An article in the next issue of the newsletter, featuring the ‘Round Up’ program and the projects that have been sponsored by ‘rounding up’. (I.e. The Peace Scouts, Safe Place, Stone Wall Youth etc). They really want the community to know where there roundups go. Keith commits to write an article for the next newsletter.

Grace provided them with a list of staff contacts to contact about specific ideas.

Grace also recommends that they deliver a new brochure(s) so we can include them in our new member packets.

The Community Sustaining Fund will also table at the upcoming Harvest Party.

It is a priority to continue dialogues between our organizations and foster a good alliance.

Unexpected Guests

Kent Davis –Please rescind the boycott.

Caroline Hathaway- wants to express her deep concern about the boycott

Jeff Trinin- has issues with the boycott and the boycott policy. He would like to see the boycott rescind or suspended.

Jim Shulruff- spoke as a staff member and a member of the Jewish community against the boycott.

Mohammed Ayub- is here to share his gratefulness for the forum.

Nosheer Kasmati- prays for peace and is thankful for the board hearing both sides of the issue and hopes the end is positive for all

Tibor Breuer- Rescind the boycott.

Olga- To rescind would still cause divisiveness. Thank you for standing up for human rights, and the global communities right to food.

Alan King- wants the ‘Boycott Policy’ rewritten and offers his help in that process.

Sharif –Every dollar is a value-coded transaction. In the interest of security the weak are oppressed.

Forum Review and Next Steps

Two copies of the forum DVD have been received from the videographer. Suzanne has viewed it and found it very insightful to watch and would like to transcribe a few of the statements. The copies were distributed to other board members.

The board also discussed the response to the overwhelming amount of Emails received.

- *A sub committee consisting of Jackie, Rob, and Fern was formed to answer emails, develop a FAQ document, and move those responded to a responded folder.*

Next Forum Ideas-

There seems to be interest in breaking out into small discussion groups

This would require a lot of facilitators, and very clear guidelines.

Questions:

- How many people per group?
- Is there a different format in which members can have a Q & A with the board members?

Grace will contact Marilese about our questions and format options

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: did not meet

Eco planning committee: did not meet

Member Relations: did not meet

Hiring committee: did meet!! (Attach report here)

Eco Planning: compostable cutlery is on its way to the stores that is made from potatoes that are not gmo and made in the US! There is also an article in the current newsletter about bags.

Newsletter committee- has someone lined up to write an article about the boycott.

The board recognizes that many committee meetings were not held this month as a result of the Boards boycott decision and re affirm their commitment to attending committee meetings in September.

BPC Report

The BPC is trying to get back on track and dealing with many members on summer vacations. They are regrouping on evaluating staff structure and decision making with the BOD BPC sub committee. The Accountability team will be presenting at next months meeting for board consent on the proposals passed by staff and update the board about the proposals that are being re worked for staff consent. 2011 Budget planning is well under way and taking up most time on meeting agendas for the work groups and departments.

Board Elections/ Annual Meeting

The sub committee has not met due to the extra BOD meetings. Fern posted the application on our website and dropped off copies and drop boxes at the stores.

A new email address was set up to receive applications
(boardapplication@olympiafood.coop)

There five openings for new board members. Eric and Suzanne will be running again.
Jackie, Joellen and Jessica's terms are ending.

The sub committee will report back next month with details about the Annual Meeting and Elections.

Jackie will send out an email to all, soliciting tabling at the store.

Jackie also commits to talking to all applicants.

Expansion

** Executive Session **

Commitments

- *Grace will email Marilese about questions identified in brainstorm*
- *Jackie, Rob, and Fern will form a sub committee to respond to emails*
- *Suzanne will schedule a meeting w/ the 'it's our co-op' group*
- *Jackie will send out an email to all: soliciting tabling at the store.*
- *Jackie also commits to talking to all board applicants.*

Next Facilitator: Ron Lavigne

Next Agenda

- Accountability Proposal (Consent)
- Board Planning and Prioritization
- Collective books for prisoners
- Expansion (Executive Session)
- Annual Meeting and Elections
- Boycott Sub Committee Report
- BPC Report
- Committee Reports