

Deadwood Food Co-Op Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020 @ Community Center

Agenda/Minutes

Attendees: Cathy Barr, Linda Kanter, Bill Cirino, Greg Kennedy, Denice Hermann, Michelle Holman, Nancy Reid, Sandy Duveen Jodi Gurtov, Yvonne Pappagallo, Leonora Kent, Marina Saltzman, Jan Kinney, Tchanan Ross, Calvin Steventon

- **Welcome & Introductions- meeting began @ 2:20pm**
- **Designate Facilitator- Michelle Holman & Minute Taker- Jan Kinney**
- **Brief Coop History – Cathy Attached as addendum**
- **Financial Report –** There currently are 26 members. Over the past 3 years an average of 8 households order. The surcharge has been 9% for 3 years. Total assets to date are \$2,016. Orders must meet a \$1,800 to support maintain the balance of Food Co-Op so the workers can be compensated, and monies are available for the orders to our suppliers.
 - **Barriers and suggestions for change:**
 - Change surcharge as needed to cover costs- **no vote held**
 - Lower surcharge for a defined amount of time. For instance, charge 8% for 4 months, and 9% for 2 months – **no vote held**
 - Define what the limit of owed balances are before new orders can be placed- **no vote held**
 - Make Information about the Co-Op, such as catalogue availability and codes- **The coordinator will send codes to the members. It was determined that the wholesalers do not want the codes visible to non-members.**
 - Make price lists easily accessible- **The coordinator will send price lists as she/he gets them, they will also be posted on the Food Co-Op web site.**
 - Develop a standard Food Co-Op informational blurb to be put into the Ditto every month. **A blurb will be worked up and kept by the Ditto editor for monthly publication.**

- There was a strong suggestion/plea made by a member to increase the active members and/or bring in new members. If you know someone who you think would benefit from this food buying club, offer encouragement to become members or become active if they are already members and if needed assistance on their first order.
- **Electronic forms-** two different options were presented-
 - The first option was replacing the current system with an online ordering system. A model of a system used by a new member in her co-op was discussed. The positives noted were the ability to streamline the process, members could see what other folks were ordering and splits would be easier to organize. Negative- there would also be added expenses for printer/paper/toner, it would not necessarily use less paper, collecting the money would change and the new system would take a designated coordinator to shepherd the implementation. **The majority of the group voted to keep the current system, with the caveat that we will consider this a transition time, to be considered instituting as the membership and organizational structure changes.**
 - The online form that Ami helped (thank you Ami) develop is now available on the Food co-op web page. It has been designed to reflect the printed form that we have been using.
- **Nancy has been bookkeeper for 9 years & is resigning. We need a new bookkeeper & 3 check signers.**
 - Nancy has offered to continue as bookkeeper until someone else volunteers their services.
 - Bill Cirino, Nancy Reid, and Cathy Barr will be the check signers.
- **Recognition of Worker Members** - *Nancy-Bookkeeper *Denice-Distribution & Mapleton Driver *Carina R, Greg K, Bill C, Nancy R, Calvin S- Eugene Drivers *Cathy -Order/Loose Ends Coordinator *Members-Distribution and Ami and Sandy for spending precious time furthering the ongoing success of our co-op!
- **Adjourn 3:45 – Thank you for attending & participating!**



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