

Medford Food Co-op
Annual Owner Meeting and Good Food Festival
May 20, 2018

1:30 – 2:00 Business Meeting

Kellie Hill, Board Vice President, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. She thanked the staff for their work on the meeting and the Good Food Festival. Kellie introduced the Board members including Roger Noyes and Verne Underwood, who were just elected to the Board. She informed everyone that the By Laws revisions (revisions to Sections 2.1, 3.6, 3.7, 4.2, 5.5, 7.4, and 8.1) passed. Specific voting was as follows:

49 Section 2.1 Admission
48 Section 3.6 Quorum and voting
47 Section 3.7 Balloting by mail
44 Section 4.2 Number and qualifications
48 Section 5.5 Decision making
49 Section 7.4 Redemption
49 Section 8.1 Distribution of net savings
49 Fran Batzer
51 Debi Boen
51 Patty Casebolt
52 Roger Noyes
51 Verne Underwood

Kellie noted the following highlights from 2017:

- Biggest accomplishment last year was opening the Café without having to borrow money.
- The Co-op distributed a patronage dividend for the first time.
- Owners were kept informed through a quarterly newsletter and weekly email campaigns. Kellie encouraged everyone to read these emails.
- The Board is beginning to study future expansion. We want to hear input from owners so we will host round table discussions in the next month.

Anne Carter, general manager, spoke on the Co-op's success and community impact. Outline follows:

- We believe that good food has the power to foster healthier and happier lives, unify our community, and even change the world.
- Co-op owners united over 25 years ago to advocate for regulated organic food standards.
- Recently, co-op owners united to demand that genetically engineered food be labeled.
- We support locally grown and produced food. In 2017, the Co-op limited its definition of local to mean the food was grown or produced within 100 miles of Medford. The Co-op purchased food from 50 local farmers and 39 local food producers and sold \$412,000.00 worth of those products. We partner with the Rogue Valley Food System Network (RVFSN) to help develop more food producers. We helped with the Recipe to Market series and are a sponsor of the Brews, Bluegrass and BBQ event that raises funds for RVFSN and the Rogue Farm Corps.
- We believe that everyone should have access to healthy food. We donate food to the Medford Gospel Mission. We are working with other organizations statewide on a pilot Veggie Rx

project, Double Up Food Bucks, ACCESS's Mobile Food Pantry, and addressing barriers to healthy eating.

- We want to be good stewards of the earth so we assist with clean-up efforts in our part of Medford. We initially organized monthly trash pick-up along the Bear Creek Greenway. In recent years, we have partnered with other organizations to organize and carry out two clean-ups a year. In 2017, 200 volunteers participated removing 4.5 tons of trash from the Greenway and Bear Creek.
- Together, we have grown and are improving our world, one grocery shop at a time.

Kellie closed the meeting at 1:55 and invited everyone to spend 5-10 minutes in small groups giving input about the Co-op before attending the Good Food Festival in the parking lot.

43 owners signed up as attending the meeting. We estimated that at least 200 people attended the Good Food Festival.

Respectfully Submitted,

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