

Natural Harvest Food Co-op
April 21, 2016— 5:30 PM
Virginia High School — Conference Room Room T102
Enter Door #6

Board Members Present: Debbie Pettinelli, Troy Caddy, Britta Bloomquist, Chris Ismil, Jacob Rosandich, Sarah Packa, and Leah Calgaro
Board Members Absent: Samantha Krage and Zach Yurczyk
Staff Present: GM Anja Parenteau

1. Call Meeting

Troy Caddy called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

2. Annual Meeting

Anja Parenteau to purchase notecards to have at the annual meeting incase people want to put comments, questions, or ideas down. Anja will also bring sign up sheet and name tags.

Troy will hand out new board applications at meeting with updated term information.

Chris Ismil will bring a PA system.

Board members to call co-op members from Google Doc to personally invite.

3. Development

The Development Agreement is in place with the City of Virginia. It gives us 18 months to get the project done. The site development was advertised for bids on Tuesday, April 19, and advertising for three weeks(subject to City of Virginia procuring). Benchmark Engineering is working on the permits for plumbing. Then we will look at the bids and either accept them or deny them. Anja and Chris have been talking to LHB to get the construction plans done. It has been pushed back to the second week of May 12(this portion does not have to publicly bid). We gave LHB a one year timeline. Prevailing wage will be built into both plans.

Ideas to garner interest:

- Mailing (Chris will write a letter.)
- Community Event
- Social Media/Website
- Inviting people to the Co-op individually or as a small group to go through loan campaign
- Feature in Hometown Focus (Jake will talk to Jean Cole to see if she is willing to write the feature or if we need to write it.)
- Have people at store on a Saturday to talk to members.
- Troy will organize a finance member committee to try to get them interested in the project. Other board members should ask other co-op members to join as well.

4. Adjourn

Britta Bloomquist makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:13 PM.