

Syracuse Real Food Co-op
2014 Annual Spring Meeting
May 31, 2014 at the Syracuse Real Food Co-op
Recap of Meeting Activity

Present: Total attendance: 136

The meeting started at 1:00 PM.

Pure excitement, as advertised, was what occurred at the Annual Spring Meeting. The Co-op assembled a group of local farmers and producers. Members and non-members were able to sample chocolates, grass fed beef, cold brewed coffee, cheese, beer, baked goods and to take home a treat for their dog. They talked farming with the Co-op's two Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farmers, Early Morning Farm and Common Thread CSA, they talked expansion with the Board Members who were out in full force for the event, talked energy conservation with the energy audit folks from Zerodraft, talked money with the credit union people from Cooperative Federal and talked with or even painted a small sign for the Co-op Permaculture Garden group. There was some great artwork.

Some members brought friends to see what the Co-op had to offer and help kick off the New Member Drive. There were incentives for becoming a member such as an Equal Exchange chocolate bar, a \$10 Co-op gift card and a weekly drawing for a \$10 Co-op gift card.

Suppliers attending were Early Morning Farm CSA, Common Thread Farm CSA, Middle Ages Brewing Company, Hoffmann Farm (Beef), Lune Chocolat, Recess Coffee & Roastery, Go Green Initiative (Energy Audits), 3 Village Cheese, Full Circle Feed (Dog Treats), The Sweet Praxis (Baked Goods), Cooperative Federal Credit Union and Syracuse Cultural Workers.

The meeting used the total Co-op space: front, back and inside. The atmosphere was festive, the weather was perfect and the new backyard configuration supported four tents filled with "tablers" and in the outside area, room for the Board of Directors membership and information table plus the Permaculture Garden sign painting tables.

This was a well-attended meeting. There was no business conducted at the meeting and it ended at 4:00 PM.