

Syracuse Real Food Cooperative
2013 ANNUAL FALL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2013 at the Westcott Community Center

Present: Total attendance: 40 Members: 37 Non-members: 3

The weather prior to the meeting was quite snowy so attendance was negatively affected by the storm. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Opening Statement

Thanks were given to the Westcott Community Center for use of their building. It was determined that there was not a quorum present which meant no official votes could be conducted. It was noted that timely annual meeting notices were posted in the store, mailed in postcard form to all members, posted on the Co-op website and posted in the Co-op e-newsletter.

Reading and disposition of 2012 Annual Fall Meeting minutes

The 2012 Annual Fall Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Reading and disposition of 2013 Spring Meeting minutes

The 2013 Spring Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Annual Reports-Officers

Store Report: Garland McQueen

Garland reviewed the store report prepared for the meeting packet. Garland then fielded questions from the floor in regard to store operations, expansion and other related topics. A recommendation from the floor by Peter Thompson was that the Co-op consider pairing with other organizations on presenting Co-op products example: Co-op cheeses and a wine retailer combined tasting.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Sanders

Dan reviewed the Co-op financial reports generated from the Co-op accounting records. It was noted that the Co-op experienced a loss for the year ending 6/30/2013 but that at present the Co-op was showing a profit for the year 2013 – 2014 to date.

President's Report: Thane Joyal

President Joyal stated the hope that 2013 would come to be viewed as the year that the tides turned, and the Syracuse Real Food Co-op began to move forward with intentionality and purpose. Thane discussed the strengths, opportunities and limitations facing the Co-op in the future. The full report was in the packet.

New Business

Member Frank Cetera stated that we should try to get a quorum for future meetings and that we should have more member involvement by setting up committees to handle things such as the Permaculture Garden project. It was also suggested from the floor that the agenda for next year's Annual Meeting should be posted in advance and the current Co-op Bylaws included in the meeting packet. Winners of prizes supplied by Co-op suppliers were announced and prizes distributed.

Election of Directors

Candidates for the Board of Directors were introduced and made brief statements about their qualifications and answered questions from the floor. Full statements by each candidate were provided in the meeting packet. The current Directors were also introduced.

Ballots were available in the meeting packets and voting commenced to fill 5 vacant Board positions of various terms. The candidates were Andrew Erickson, Debra Lee Gertz, Julie Longmore, Dan Sanders and Meagan Weatherby. Voting was to continue through 1/14/2014. Officers were to be elected at the January 2014 Board meeting after new Board members were seated.

Adjournment

The Co-op Staff provided snacks before, after and throughout the meeting.