

**Yahara River Grocery Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Ed Overland Room in City Hall
381 East Main Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin**

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009

Present:

President: Norma Sampson

Vice president: Deb Piper

Secretary: David Sharpe

Treasurer: Warren Kmiec

Directors: Laura Anderson, Regina Hirsch, Jonathan Lewis, Kristine Vaughn and
Spencer Warren

General Manager: Wynston Estis

Any Firszt, General Manager of Willy Street Co-op

Call to Order, Welcome, Review Agenda, Announcements

Wynston and Jon were on Channel 98 today. "Stoughton Today" It will be on for two weeks.

Approval of Minutes Laura **moved** and Jon seconded a motion to receive the minutes.
Motion carried

Treasurer's Report A balance Sheet was prepared and handed out (attached to the filed minutes) by Warren. The matching funds are now in the Summit Credit Union. The equity fund has increased by \$10,000. The capitol fund donations were the rest of the money to get to \$33465 on the pledge/loan drive.

A discussion on member donations and fees in the report was held. They are not in sales so we aren't paying tax on them. Peg Sheldon has arranged it so they come through Catapult and are recorded correctly.

Category 3410 came in from the silent auction. – about \$4300. It was an excellent effort.

Relaunch Oversight Committee Report. The three committees have a summary in Deb's report that was sent to all members. Stoughton and Oregon mistakenly failed to print the ad. The evites will go to all donors out for the reception as a special invitation. Chairs will be reupholstered. (Report attached to file copy)

Board members are specially invited to the 11:30 a.m. event on Friday.

Volunteers are needed on Wed. night and Thurs. day as the biggest need and some Thurs. eve. A volunteer is needed for greeting customers, service issues and bagging for all shifts.

Deb gave staff appreciation accolades for all their hard work with limited resources. The Board supported with a round of applause.

Board Training (Any Firszt, General Manager of Willy Street Co-op)

Next Steps in Board Training - (some suggestions) Policies, Policy Governance, Goal setting (**send your emails to Norma right away**). Idea: Prioritize steps to shift from an operations Board to a Policy Board)

General Manager Report (Wynston) (Pre-submitted and attached to filed copy) We requested that Bill Rizzo not keep the data after the study was done.

Wynston reminded us that her salary is now a part of our labor expense. Staff will be taking a physical inventory after the re-launch.

Warren **moved** that an additional staff signer be authorized for the Evergreen Account. Motion seconded by Laura. The motion carried unanimously. A policy for signers needs to be developed and presented to the next meeting. Wynston and Warren will work on it.

Spencer asked about the rent. He received information that we were paying too much. Our rate is about \$.10 per square foot. A side discussion was held and an accurate amount was unable to be determined at that time.

Other Business - There was none.

Laura **moved** to adjourn. Spencer seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sharpe, Secretary

Next Board Meeting:

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Giles Dow Room in City Hall

381 East Main Street, Stoughton