

**Yahara River Grocery Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
Hall of Fame Room in City Hall
381 East Main Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2009**

Present

President:

Vice president:

Secretary: Dave Sharpe

Treasurer: Warren Kmiec

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

Guest: Jeannine Holzmann

Call to Order: Acting Chair Warren called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes: August 13, 1009 **Jon moved to add a sentence.** “The management report included several alternatives to reduce payroll.” **Kristine seconded. Motion carried.** Laura **moved to add “the possibility of closing.”** Seconded by Kristine. **Motion carried** Laura **moved to approve the corrected minutes. Jon seconded. Motion carried.**

Treasurer: Warren’s report indicated sales for the period. We are covering expenses at this time and no additional money has been moved from the Credit Union. The loss for the period was \$7265.18. Reduction of inventory has kept us from having to draw down the reserve. In August about \$1200 came from the Silent Auction. The cookout generated about \$400. The inventory control “cash diet” has been helpful in controlling purchases.

Operations: Jeanine indicated that the silent auction has helped bring in inventory by making more funds available for purchases. The beef special ordering has shown to be profitable. The Dane County employee fell through at this time. “Women at Risk” will be sending some women for training and that will help staffing and advance marketing ideas. We will be getting a hot plate for the kitchen using a credit that is in place. Sept. 26th will start soup again. Labor is running about 20% at this time. There is no plan other than using volunteers if flu strikes and keeps out folks for several days. Jeanine is prudently ordering supplies as needed. A 2-hour Yoga workshop is scheduled for Oct. A Chiropractor is writing a piece about vitamins. NBC 15 is looking to put material on their web page. “Local Motion – Eat Local Crawl”-- 3 samples of bruschetta will be offered for \$3.00 ea. We talked about using the gift card more as a way to help avoid credit card fees, manage home budgets and make a nice gesture to your neighbors is giving cards to them.

Letters to members. Deb is working on them. The envelopes are ready. We expect to date the letters 9/12/09. It is a positive appeal to members stating “Only you can make the change.”

Jon moved we go into closed session. Kristine seconded. Motion carried. Jon/Laura moved to go back into open session.

Warren called for other business. A discussion was held to see if we could ramp up new marketing ideas or supplement the Marketing Committee in any way.

Laura would train new volunteers on register on Monday or Wednesday mornings. Check with Jeanine.

Jon moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sharpe, Secretary

Next Board Meeting:

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24, 2009

City Hall – Hall of Fame Room

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