

**Yahara River Grocery Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
EMS Training Room
381 East Main Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

Present

President: Norma Sampson

Vice president:

Secretary: Dave Sharpe

Treasurer: Warren Kmiec

Directors: Regina Hirsch, Kristine Vaughn, and Jon Lewis

Guest: Jeanine Holzmann

Call to Order: President Norma called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes: **Jon moved,** Warren seconded a motion to approve minutes of September 13, 2009 as the second revision that was distributed. Motion carried

Treasurer: Losses are smaller. Sales have gone up a bit and other income has added cash. We also reduced our inventory as indicated on the balance sheet. Warren has not cleared a previous inventory question. He will be seeking Wynston's help to get this done. The inventory company will be taking inventory this Saturday night.

Sales and Fund Raising activity along with low labor costs are helping right now.

Warren pointed out that other P & L items include a transfer of \$500 from the Summit checking account to pay the Summit VISA Credit Card. The line of credit payment has been made. We paid on the Willy St. and Dane County loans as well.

Conversation is ongoing with the landlord to give some rent relief for a short period of time.

Operations: Jeanine reported that someone going by outside turned off the compressors. A service call got them going again. A security device needs to be put on the outdoor switch. An insurance loss claim needs to be filed for some merchandise damaged while the units were gone. The new hot plate is coming with some utensils. We are planning to serve hot food. Using a leftover inherited hot water base unit will make soups possible. This week started Taco Tues. Soup will start Saturday. We are losing Emi due to school. That position needs to be replaced. NBC 15 is still working on a downtown promotion. Norm Monson came in with ideas about dairy and cheese. The Women at Risk program are young girls and women who need a bit of extra help. We are also looking at the time bank to see how it might help. Staff raises were given in the last pay period. We are still below general wage level for grocery stores. The raise was a great boost for staff morale. Jeanine is working on Catapult and computer upgrades.

Warren **moved that** \$3,000 a week be added to the purchasing budget for each of the next two weeks so the store is full for the shoppers coming in. Jon seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Regina announced that Yoga lessons are being given and the teacher is donating 11% of her income to the Co-operative. The instructor is Kathryn Gonzalez, and it is the proceeds from one class being held in Stoughton on Sunday October 11.

Regina asked if we were supporting management effectively and in accord with our promise. Jeanine felt O.K. with where we are right now.

Letters to members: They are going out tomorrow.

Regina **moved** that we go into closed session. Warren seconded. **Motion carried**

Dave **moved** to open. Jon Seconded. Carried.

Kristine **Moved** to adjourn. Jon seconded the motion. **Motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sharpe, Secretary

Next Board Meeting:
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 8, 2009
City Hall – Hall of Fame Room
381 East Main Street