

**Yahara River Grocery Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
Ed Overland Room
381 East Main Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.,
Thursday, October 8, 2009**

Present

President: Norma Sampson

Vice president: Deb Piper

Secretary: Dave Sharpe

Treasurer: Warren Kmiec

Directors: Regina Hirsch, Kristine Vaughn, Spencer Warren, and Jon Lewis

Guest: Jeanine Holzmann, General Manager

Call to Order: President Norma called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes: **Jon moved,** Laura seconded a **motion** to approve minutes of September 23, 2009 as the second revision that was distributed. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer: The inventory adjustments that we were concerned about with Wynston have been made. The end of Sept. inventory figures are not in as of this date.

Fundraisers have contributed about \$1,700. The additional dollars were spent for inventory.

We sold about \$2000 in gift cards from the recent member letter.

The landlord discounted the rent for October to help us.

Operations:

Labor is still running about 21%. Sales were better last week. With the theft of an employee's purse, and the burglar alarm going off, stress levels were raised last week. Concern was expressed about dealing with community service workers with our limited staff. Jeanine recommended that the program be suspended at this time. It can be revisited later. Laura **moved** that we suspend the court appointed volunteers. Motion seconded by Dave. **Motion carried.** Dave will speak with Jon Hajny regarding our eligibility for the program.

The "Eyes of Hope" program is for High School girls looking for leadership skills volunteering for 2 hours a week over 13 weeks. Laura Roeven will be invited to our next meeting to explain the program.

The yoga workshop began last night. It was received well. Negotiations are going on to continue this program.

A person wants to do a nourishment workshop and that would be a monthly program.

Employees: Alex Weeden has joined the staff. Eric will be working more hours. Cindy will be leaving as she needs insurance. No definite date has been set for her departure. It was suggested that posting for her replacement begin at once.

The soup bar seems to be doing very well. Grass fed beef is also doing well. On Oct. 23 we will have a wine tasting. We gave a \$10 gift card for the Halloween costume contest, and food to the tailgate party. "Shop Around Town" cards are being used to promote shopping in downtown stores. For security we suggested the downstairs windows be covered.

The partnership with the High School Choir and the store to do a silent auction is being planned. The Music Boosters Group would bring in auction items to the Co-op. We would split the proceeds 50% - 50%. The Boosters might also want to do a brat fry as well. (perhaps in the spring).

Membership Benefits: Laura handed out a sheet asking for comments. She wants to have a membership area in the front of the store as folks come in. She will work with Jeanine. The artwork is being changed. A monthly rotation is being considered. Laura will be the point person taking care of this. The fascia is ordered. Laura will be asking for help to put it up.

Dickens of a Run and Walk: The first meeting of the committee is this Sunday. The date for it is Dec. 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Additional help is needed.

Laura **Moved** to adjourn. Spencer seconded the motion. **Motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Sharpe, Secretary

Next Board Meeting:

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

City Hall – Hall of Fame Room

381 East Main Street